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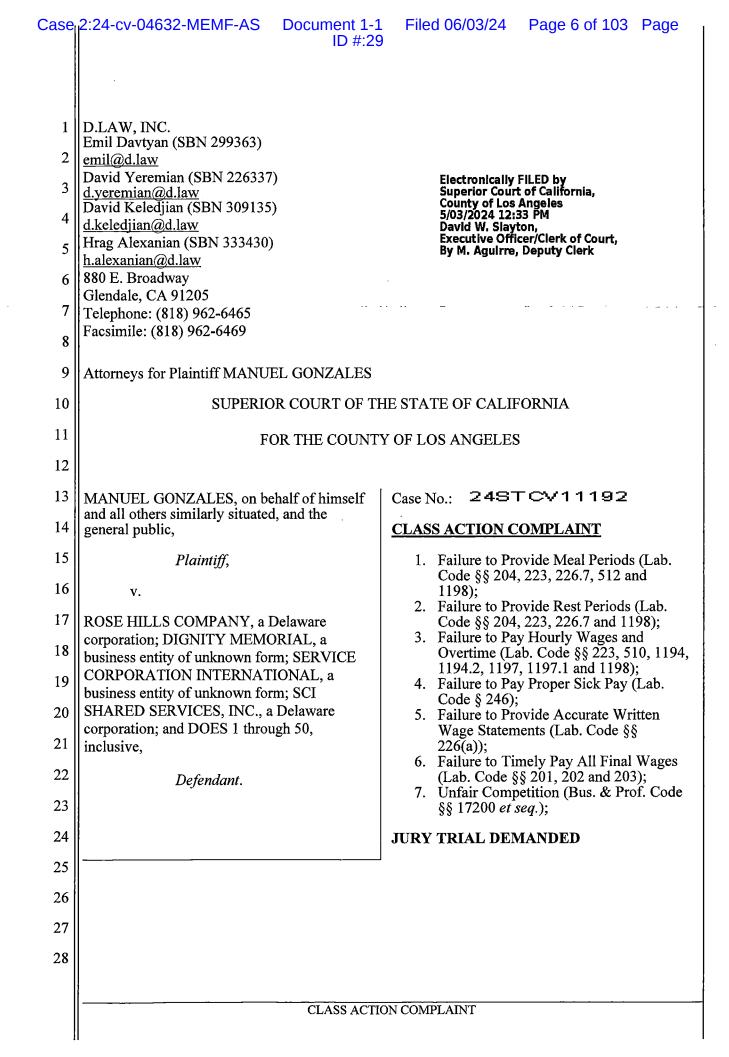
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Plaintiff MANUEL GONZALES ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public, complains and alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- Plaintiff brings this class action against Defendants ROSE HILLS COMPANY, a 1. Delaware corporation; DIGNITY MEMORIAL, a business entity of unknown form; SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL, a business entity of unknown form; SCI SHARED SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, (collectively referred to as "Defendants") for alleged violations of the California Labor Code and California Business and Professions Code. As set forth below, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants have:
 - failed to pay them overtime wages at the correct rate; a.
 - failed to pay them double time wages at the correct rate; b.
 - failed to pay them overtime and/or double time wages by failing to include all c. applicable remuneration in calculating the regular rate of pay;
 - failed to provide them with meal periods; d.
 - failed to provide them with rest periods; e.
 - f. failed to pay them premium wages for missed meal and rest periods;
 - failed to pay them proper sick time pay; g.
 - failed to provide them with accurate written wage statements; h.
 - failed to pay them all their final wages following separation of employment. i.

Based on these alleged Labor Code violations, Plaintiff now brings this class action to recover unpaid wages, liquidated damages, penalties, restitution, and related relief on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to hear this case because the monetary 2. damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff from Defendants' conduct exceeds the minimal jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the State of California.
- Venue is proper in the County of Sacramento pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 3. sections 395(a) and 395.5 in that liability arose this county because at least some of the transactions

that are the subject matter of this Complaint occurred therein and/or each Defendant is found, maintains offices, transacts business and/or has an agent therein.

4. Venue is proper in Los Angeles County because Defendants' have at all times alleged herein, conducted business in Los Angeles County, and throughout California. As such, venue is proper in any county in California.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff MANUEL GONZALES is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, an individual residing in the State of California.
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant ROSE HILLS COMPANY is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a Delaware corporation doing business in the State of California.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant DIGNITY MEMORIAL is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a business entity of unknown form doing business in the State of California.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a business entity of unknown form doing business in the State of California.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant SCI SHARED SERVICES, INC. is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a Delaware corporation doing business in the State of California.
- 10. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the DOE defendants when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants are responsible in some manner for the occurrences, acts and omissions alleged herein and that Plaintiff's alleged damages were proximately caused by these defendants, and each of them. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege both the true names and capacities of the DOE defendants when ascertained.

- 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that, at all relevant times mentioned herein, some or all of the defendants were the representatives, agents, employees, partners, directors, associates, joint venturers, joint employers, owners, principals or co-participants of some or all of the other defendants, and in doing the things alleged herein, were acting within the course and scope of such relationship and with the full knowledge, consent, and ratification by such other defendants.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that, at all relevant times mentioned herein, some of the defendants pursued a common course of conduct, acted in concert and conspired with one another, and aided and abetted one another to accomplish the occurrences, acts and omissions alleged herein.
- 13. This action has been brought and may be maintained as a class action pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 382 because there is a well-defined community of interest among the persons who comprise the readily ascertainable classes defined below and because Plaintiff is unaware of any difficulties likely to be encountered in managing this case as a class action.
- 14. Relevant Time Period: The relevant time period is defined as the time period beginning four years prior to the filing of this action until judgment is entered.
 - a. <u>Hourly Employee Class</u>: All persons employed by Defendants, collectively or separately, and/or any staffing agencies and/or any other third parties in hourly or non-exempt positions in California four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action ("Hourly Employee Class").
 - b. <u>Meal Period Sub-Class</u>: All Hourly Employee Class members who worked in a shift in excess of five hours during the four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action.
 - c. <u>Rest Period Sub-Class</u>: All Hourly Employee Class members who worked a shift of at least three and one-half (3.5) hours the four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action.
 - d. Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class: All Hourly Employee Class members who separated from their employment with Defendants during the period beginning three years before the filing of this action and ending when final judgment is entered.
 - e. <u>Sick-Pay Class</u>: All persons employed by Defendants in California who, at any time from four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action, worked for more than 30 days for Defendants, and were not paid for at least one hour of sick time for every 30 hours

of work thereafter, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12-month period of employment.

- f. Wage Statement Class: All persons employed by Defendants in California during the period beginning one year before the filing of this action and ending when final judgment is entered.
- g. <u>UCL Class</u>: All Hourly Employee Class and Expense Reimbursement Class members employed by Defendants in California during the four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action.
- 15. <u>Reservation of Rights</u>: Pursuant to Rule of Court 3.765(b), Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or modify the class definitions with greater specificity, by further division into sub-classes and/or by limitation to particular issues.
- 16. <u>Numerosity</u>: The class members are so numerous that the individual joinder of each individual class member is impractical. While Plaintiff does not currently know the exact number of class members, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that the actual number exceeds the minimum required for numerosity under California law.
- 17. <u>Commonality and Predominance</u>: Common questions of law and fact exist as to all class members and predominate over any questions which affect only individual class members. These common questions include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Whether Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to provide employees with their rest periods;
 - b. Whether Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to provide employees with their meal periods;
 - c. Whether Defendants failed to pay premium wages to class members when they have not been provided with meal and rest periods at the appropriate rates of pay;
 - d. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum and/or overtime wages to class members for all time worked;
 - e. Whether Defendants failed to pay proper sick time pay;
 - f. Whether Defendants failed to provide class members with accurate written wage statements as a result of providing them with written wage statements with inaccurate entries for, among other things, amounts of gross and net wages, and

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- Whether Defendants applied policies or practices that result in late and/or incomplete final wage payments;
- h. Whether Defendants are liable to class members for waiting time penalties under Labor Code section 203; and
- Whether class members are entitled to restitution of money or property that Defendants may have acquired from them through unfair competition;
- 18. **Typicality:** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the other class members' claims. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendants have a policy or practice of failing to comply with the California Labor Code and Business and Professions Code as alleged in this Complaint.
- 19. Adequacy of Class Representative: Plaintiff is an adequate class representative and has no interests that are adverse to, or otherwise conflict with, the interests of absent class members and is dedicated to vigorously prosecuting this action on their behalf. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the other class members.
- Adequacy of Class Counsel: Plaintiff's counsel are adequate class counsel in that 20. they have no known conflicts of interest with Plaintiff or absent class members, are experienced in wage and hour class action litigation, and are dedicated to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of Plaintiff and absent class members.
- 21. Superiority: A class action is vastly superior to other available means for fair and efficient adjudication of the class members' claims and would be beneficial to the parties and the Court. Class action treatment will allow a number of similarly situated persons to simultaneously and efficiently prosecute their common claims in a single forum without the unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would entail. In addition, the monetary amounts due to many individual class members are likely to be relatively small and would thus make it difficult, if not impossible, for individual class members to both seek and obtain relief. Moreover, a class action will serve an important public interest by permitting class members to effectively pursue the recovery of monies owed to them. Further, a class action will prevent the potential for inconsistent

or contradictory judgments inherent in individual litigation.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

22. Plaintiff worked for Defendants as a non-exempt employee during the relevant and statutory periods.

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23. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Class Members proper wages and overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay. First, Defendants implemented an unlawful time-rounding policy and practice which rounded down and reduced the actual working hours recorded by Plaintiff and Class Members, and upon which their pay was based, and generally did so to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Class Members, and these unlawfully rounded time entries were inputted into Defendants' payroll system from which wage statements and payroll checks were created. Defendants did so with the ostensible intent of paying Plaintiff and Class members only for the hours they were scheduled to work, rather than the hours they were actually under Defendants' control. Plaintiff contends this policy is not neutral and results,

24. Next, Plaintiff and Class Members were also consistently required to perform work, off-the-clock, for which they were not paid wages. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members would clock in a before their scheduled shift and would not get compensated from the actual time they clocked in. Additionally, Plaintiff and Class Members would be required to put on protective gear, such as steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety gloves prior to clocking in. Finally, Plaintiff and Class Members were required to perform work during unpaid meal periods which they were systemically denied, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks. The forgoing and uncompensated working time was under the direction and control of Defendants, for which no wages were paid.

over time, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Class members by systematically undercompensating

- 25. This uncompensated time caused Plaintiff and Class Members to work in excess of eight (8), ten (10) and/or twelve (12) hours a day and/or forty (40) hours a week, entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to minimum and overtime wages, which they were systemically denied.
 - 26. Defendants also failed to Plaintiff and Class Members overtime wages at the proper

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and applicable regular rates of pay. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members earned performancebased non-discretionary bonuses in addition to their hourly pay. However, these supplemental earnings were not accounted for when determining Plaintiff and Class Members' regular rates of pay, and respective and proper overtime rates of pay.

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- 27. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Class Members the opportunity to take meal periods in compliance with the California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members were required to keep and monitor their work radios during their meal and rest breaks. Additionally, Plaintiff and Class Members were constantly interrupted during their meal breaks via radio calls. Next, due to understaffing and heavy workloads, Plaintiff and Class Members were denied the opportunity to take timely meal periods prior to the completion of their fifth hour of work. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Class Members were not relieved of all work duties during unpaid meal periods and were interrupted during meal breaks or required to keep working during meal breaks.
- 28. Plaintiff and Class Members were not provided with meal periods of at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each meal period as part of each work shift; (2) no formal written meal policy that encouraged employees to take their meal periods, or that advised Class Members of their meal and rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their meal and rest periods due to the excessive workload.
- 29. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Class Members the opportunity to take rest periods in compliance with the California Law. Plaintiff and Class Members were not provided with rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each rest period as part of each work shift, including second rest breaks for shifts of six (6) hours or more; (2) no formal compliant written rest period policy that encouraged employees to take their rest periods, or that properly advised Plaintiff and Class Members of their rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' policy and practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their rest breaks due to the excessive workload, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during

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- 30. Plaintiff and Class Members were consistently interrupted during their rest breaks via their radios constantly. Additionally, on shifts that Plaintiff and Class Members worked between ten to twelve hours, Plaintiff and Class Members were not given their required third rest break.
- 31. Furthermore, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and Class Members premium pay wages at their appropriate regular rates of pay for each meal and rest period denied.
- 32. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(1) as "gross wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 33. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(2) as "total hours worked by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 34. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(5) as "net wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 35. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(9) as "all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 36. Finally, Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Class Members the requisite sick time pay in accordance with California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members worked for Defendants for more than 30 days, but were not paid at least one hour of sick pay for every 30 hours of work, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12-month period of work. Additionally, the sick pay paid to Plaintiff and Class Members did not account for the shift differential pay as well as performance-based non-discretionary bonuses, which were never factored into the rate upon which sick pay was accrued and paid.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS

(Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512, 1174, and 1198)

(Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class)

- 37. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 38. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and the **Meal Period Sub-Class** members have been non-exempt employees of Defendant entitled to the full meal period protections of both the Labor Code and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order.
- 39. Labor Code section 512 and Section 11 of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order impose an affirmative obligation on employers to provide non-exempt employees with uninterrupted, duty-free meal periods of at least thirty minutes for each work period of five hours, and to provide them with two uninterrupted, duty-free meal periods of at least thirty minutes for each work period of ten hours.
- 40. Labor Code section 226.7 and Section 11 of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order ("Wage Order") both prohibit employers from requiring employees to work during required meal periods and require employers to pay non-exempt employees an hour of premium wages on each workday that the employee is not provided with the required meal period.
- 41. Compensation for missed meal periods constitutes wages within the meaning of Labor Code section 200.
- 42. Labor Code section 1198 makes it unlawful to employ a person under conditions that violate the applicable Wage Order.
 - 43. Section 11 of the applicable Wage Order states:

No employer shall employ any person for a work period of more than five (5) hours without a meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that when a work period of not more than six (6) hours will complete the day's work the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and employee. Unless the employee is relieved of all duty during a 30 minute meal period, the meal period shall be considered an 'on duty' meal period and counted as time worked. An 'on duty' meal period shall be permitted only when the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty and when by written

agreement between the parties an on-the-job paid meal period is agreed to. The written agreement shall state that the employee may, in writing, revoke the agreement at any time.

- 44. At all relevant times, Plaintiff was not subject to a valid on-duty meal period agreement. Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times, **Meal Period Sub-Class** members were not subject to valid on-duty meal period agreements with Defendants.
- Defendants maintained a policy or practice of not providing Plaintiff and members of the Meal Period Sub-Class with uninterrupted, duty-free meal periods for at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period, as required by Labor Code section 512 and the applicable Wage Order. Specifically, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were required to keep and monitor their work radios during their meal and rest breaks. Additionally, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were constantly interrupted during their meal breaks via radio calls. Next, due to understaffing and heavy workloads, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were denied the opportunity to take timely meal periods prior to the completion of their fifth hour of work. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were not relieved of all work duties during unpaid meal periods and were interrupted during meal breaks or required to keep working during meal breaks.
- 46. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to pay premium wages to **Meal Period Sub-Class** members when they worked five (5) hours without clocking out for any meal period. Plaintiff and **Meal Period Sub-Class** Members were not provided with meal periods of at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each meal period as part of each work shift; (2) no formal written meal policy that encouraged employees to take their meal periods, or that advised **Meal Period Sub-Class** Members of their meal and rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their meal and rest periods due to the excessive workload.
- 47. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of not providing Plaintiff and members of the **Meal Period**

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Sub-Class with a second meal period when they worked shifts of ten (10) or more hours and failed to pay them premium wages as required by Labor Code 512 and the applicable Wage Order.

- Moreover, Defendants written policies fail to inform Meal period Class Members of 48. their meal period rights under the Labor Code and applicable Wage Orders.
- 49. At all relevant times, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Meal Period Sub-Class members additional premium wages, and/or were not paid premium wages at the employees' regular rates of pay when required meal periods were not provided.
- 50. Pursuant to Labor Code section 204, 218.6, 226.7 and 512, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Meal Period Sub-Class members, seeks to recover unpaid premium wages, interest thereon, and costs of suit.
- Pursuant to Labor Code section 1194, Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the 51. substantial benefit doctrine, and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Meal Period Sub-Class members, seeks to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST PERIODS

(Lab. Code §§ 204, 223, 226.7 and 1198)

(Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class)

- Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged 52. herein.
- At all relevant times, Plaintiff and the Rest Period Sub-Class members have been 53. non-exempt employees of Defendants entitled to the full rest period protections of both the Labor Code and the applicable Wage Order.
- Section 12 of the applicable Wage Order imposes an affirmative obligation on 54. employers to permit and authorize employees to take required rest periods at a rate of no less than ten (10) minutes of net rest time for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, that must be in the middle of each work period insofar as practicable.
- 55. Labor Code section 226.7 and Section 12 of the applicable Wage Order both prohibit employers from requiring employees to work during required rest periods and require employers to

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pay non-exempt employees an hour of premium wages at the employees' regular rates of pay, on each workday that the employee is not provided with the required rest period(s).

- 56. Compensation for missed rest periods constitutes wages within the meaning of Labor Code section 200.
- 57. Labor Code section 1198 makes it unlawful to employ a person under conditions that violate the Wage Order.
- 58. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of not providing members of the Rest Period Sub-Class with net rest period of at least ten (10) uninterrupted minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, as required by the applicable Wage Order.
- Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class members were not provided with rest periods of 59. at least ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each rest period as part of each work shift, including second rest breaks for shifts of six (6) hours or more; (2) no formal compliant written rest period policy that encouraged employees to take their rest periods, or that properly advised Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members of their rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' policy and practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their rest breaks due to the excessive workload, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks.
- 60. Additionally, Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members were consistently interrupted during their rest breaks via their radios constantly. Additionally, on shifts that Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members worked between ten to twelve hours, Plaintiff and Rest Period **Sub-Class** Members were not given their required third rest break.
- At all relevant times, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Rest Period Sub-Class 61. members additional premium wages when required rest periods were not provided.
- Pursuant to Labor Code section 204, 218.6 and 226.7, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself 62. and Rest Period Sub-Class members, seeks to recover unpaid premium wages, interest thereon, and costs of suit.
 - Pursuant to Labor Code section 1194, Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the 63.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

substantial benefit doctrine, and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Rest

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FAILURE TO PAY HOURLY AND OVERTIME WAGES

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(Lab. Code §§ 223, 510, 1194, 1197 and 1198)

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(Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class)

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64. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.

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65. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members are or have been non-exempt employees of Defendants entitled to the full protections of the Labor Code and the

11 12 applicable Wage Order. 66. Section 2 of the applicable Wage Order defines "hours worked" as "the time during

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employees at least the minimum wage set forth therein for all hours worked, which consist of all hours that an employer has actual or constructive knowledge that employees are working.

Section 4 of the applicable Wage Order requires an employer to pay non-exempt

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68. Labor Code section 1194 invalidates any agreement between an employer and an employee to work for less than the minimum or overtime wage required under the applicable Wage Order.

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Labor Code section 1194.2 entitles non-exempt employees to recover liquidated 69. damages in amounts equal to the amounts of unpaid minimum wages and interest thereon in addition to the underlying unpaid minimum wages and interest thereon.

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Labor Code section 1197 makes it unlawful for an employer to pay an employee less 70. than the minimum wage required under the applicable Wage Order for all hours worked during a payroll period.

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Labor Code section 1197.1 provides that it is unlawful for any employer or any other 71. person acting either individually or as an officer, agent or employee of another person, to pay an

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employee, or cause an employee to be paid, less than the applicable minimum wage.

- 72. Labor Code section 1198 makes it unlawful for employers to employ employees under conditions that violate the applicable Wage Order.
- 73. Labor Code section 204 requires employers to pay non-exempt employees their earned wages for the normal work period at least twice during each calendar month on days the employer designates in advance and to pay non-exempt employees their earned wages for labor performed in excess of the normal work period by no later than the next regular payday.
- 74. Labor Code section 223 makes it unlawful for employers to pay their employees lower wages than required by contract or statute while purporting to pay them legal wages.
- 75. Labor Code section 510 and Section 3 of the applicable Wage Order require employees to pay non-exempt employees overtime wages of no less than one and one-half (1.5) times their respective regular rates of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in one workday, all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one workweek, and/or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh consecutive day of one workweek.
- Labor Code section 510 and Section 3 of the applicable Wage Order also require 76. employers to pay non-exempt employees overtime wages of no less than two (2) times their respective regular rates of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in one workday and for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours on a seventh consecutive workday during the workweek.
- 77. Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times, Defendants have applied centrally devised policies and practices to him and Hourly Employee Class members with respect to working conditions and compensation arrangements.
- At all relevant times, Defendants failed to pay hourly wages to Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members for all time worked, including but not limited to, overtime hours at statutory and/or agreed rates.
- Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members were not paid proper wages and 79. overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay. First, Defendants implemented an unlawful time-rounding policy and practice which rounded down and reduced the actual working hours recorded by Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class, and upon which their pay was based, and

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generally did so to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members, and these unlawfully rounded time entries were inputted into Defendants' payroll system from which wage statements and payroll checks were created. Defendants did so with the ostensible intent of paying Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members only for the hours they were scheduled to work, rather than the hours they were actually under Defendants' control. Plaintiff contends this policy is not neutral and results, over time, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members by systematically undercompensating them.

- 80. Next, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members were also consistently required to perform work, off-the-clock, for which they were not paid wages. Specifically, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members would clock in a before their scheduled shift and would not get compensated from the actual time they clocked in. Additionally, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members would be required to put on protective gear, such as steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety gloves prior to clocking in. Finally, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members were required to perform work during unpaid meal periods which they were systemically denied, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks. The forgoing and uncompensated working time was under the direction and control of Defendants, for which no wages were paid.
- 81. This uncompensated time caused Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members to work in excess of eight (8), ten (10) and/or twelve (12) hours a day and/or forty (40) hours a week, entitling Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members to minimum and overtime wages, which they were systemically denied.
- 82. Defendants also failed to Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members overtime wages at the proper and applicable regular rates of pay. Specifically, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members earned performance-based non-discretionary bonuses in addition to their hourly pay. However, these supplemental earnings were not accounted for when determining Plaintiff and Hourly **Employee Class** Members' regular rates of pay, and respective and proper overtime rates of pay.
- 83. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members have suffered damages in an amount, subject to proof, to the extent they were not paid the

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full amount of wages earned during each pay period during the applicable limitations period, including overtime wages.

- 84. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 204, 218.6, 223, 510, 1194 and 1194.2, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and **Hourly Employee Class** members, seeks to recover unpaid straight time and overtime wages, interest thereon and costs of suit.
- 85. Pursuant to Labor Code section 1194, Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine, and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and **Hourly Employee Class** members, seeks to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PAY PROPER SICK PAY

(Lab. Code § 246)

(Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class)

- 86. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs, as though set forth in full herein.
- 87. Labor Code Section 246 affords an employee "who works in California for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment [] paid sick days . . . of not less than one hour per every 30 hours worked" and "no less than 24 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period."
 - 88. Additionally, Subsection (l) of Section 246 provides:

For the purposes of this section, an employer shall calculate paid sick leave using any of the following calculations:

- (1) Paid sick time for nonexempt employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the workweek in which the employee uses paid sick time, whether or not the employee actually works overtime in that workweek.
- 89. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class Members the requisite sick time pay in accordance with California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class Members worked for Defendants for more than 30 days,

but were not paid at least one hour of sick pay for every 30 hours of work, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12 month period of work. Additionally, the sick pay paid to Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class Members did not account for the shift differential pay as well as performance-based nondiscretionary bonuses, which were never factored into the rate upon which sick pay was accrued and paid.

90. Therefore, Sick Pay Class Members are owed the unpaid balance of said wages pursuant to the Wage order according to proof at trial, interest pursuant to Labor Code §§ 218.6 and 1194(a), Civil Code §§ 3287 and § 3289, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and/or penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 558(a).

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE WRITTEN WAGE STATEMENTS

(Lab. Code § 226)

(Plaintiff and Wage Statement Penalties Sub-Class)

- 91. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
 - 92. Labor Code section 226(a) states:

An employer, semimonthly or at the time of each payment of wages, shall furnish to his or her employee, either as a detachable part of the check, draft, or voucher paying the employee's wages, or separately if wages are paid by personal check or cash, an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, except as provided in subdivision (i), (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and only the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer and, if the employer is a farm labor contractor, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1682, the name and address of the legal entity that secured the services of the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee and, beginning July 1, 2013, if the employer is a temporary services employer as defined in Section 201.3, the rate of pay and the total hours worked for each temporary services assignment. The deductions made from payment of wages shall be recorded in ink or

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other indelible form, properly dated, showing the month, day, and year, and a copy of the statement and the record of the deductions shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a central location within the State of California. For purposes of this subdivision, 'copy' includes a duplicate of the itemized statement provided to an employee or a computer-generated record that accurately shows all of the information required by this subdivision.

- 93. The Division of Labor Standards Enforcement ("DLSE") has sought to harmonize the "detachable part of the check" provision and the "accurate itemized statement in writing" provision of Labor Code section 226(a) by allowing for electronic wage statements so long as each employee retains the right to elect to receive a written paper stub or record and that those who are provided with electronic wage statements retain the ability to easily access the information and convert the electronic statements into hard copies at no expense to the employee. (DLSE Opinion Letter July 6, 2006).
- 94. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants' failure to provide Plaintiff and Wage Statement Class members with accurate written wage statements was intentional in that Defendants have the ability to provide them with accurate wage statements but have intentionally provided them with written wage statements that Defendants have known do not comply with Labor Code section 226(a).
- 95. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(1) as "gross wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 96. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(2) as "total hours worked by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 97. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(5) as "net wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 98. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(9) as "all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 99. Plaintiff and Wage Statement Class members have suffered injuries, in that Defendants have violated their legal rights to receive accurate wage statements and have misled them

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27 28 about their actual rates of pay and wages earned. In addition, inaccurate information on their wage statements has prevented immediate challenges to Defendants' unlawful pay practices, has required discovery and mathematical computations to determine the amount of wages owed, has caused difficulty and expense in attempting to reconstruct time and pay records, and/or has led to the submission of inaccurate information about wages and deductions to federal and state government agencies.

100. Pursuant to Labor Code section 226(e), Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Wage Statement Class members, seeks the greater of actual damages or \$50.00 for the initial pay period in which a violation of Labor Code section 226(a) occurred, and \$100.00 for each subsequent pay period in which a violation of Labor Code section 226(a) occurred, not to exceed an aggregate penalty of \$4000.00 per class member, as well as awards of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY ALL FINAL WAGES

(Lab. Code §§ 201-203)

(Plaintiff and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class)

- Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged 101. herein.
- 102. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members have been entitled, upon the end of their employment with Defendants, to timely payment of all wages earned and unpaid before termination or resignation.
- At all relevant times, pursuant to Labor Code section 201, employees who have been discharged have been entitled to payment of all final wages immediately upon termination.
- At all relevant times, pursuant to Labor Code section 202, employees who have resigned after giving at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice of resignation have been entitled to payment of all final wages at the time of resignation.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times during the applicable 105. limitations period, Defendants have failed to timely pay Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members all their final wages in accordance with the Labor Code.

- 106. Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants have maintained a policy or practice of paying Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members their final wages without regard to the requirements of Labor Code sections 201 or 202 by failing to timely pay them all final wages.
- 107. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendants' failure to timely pay all final wages to him and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members has been willful in that Defendants have the ability to pay final wages in accordance with Labor Code sections 201 and/or 202 but have intentionally adopted policies or practices that are incompatible with those requirements.
- 108. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 203 and 218.6, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members, seeks waiting time penalties from the dates that their final wages have first become due until paid, up to a maximum of thirty days, and interest thereon.
- 109. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members, seeks awards of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNFAIR COMPETITION

(Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.)

(Plaintiff and UCL Class)

- 110. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 111. Business and Professions Code section 17200 defines "unfair competition" to include any unlawful business practice.
- 112. Business and Professions Code sections 17203-17204 allow a person who has lost money or property as a result of unfair competition to bring a class action in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 382 to recover money or property that may have been acquired from similarly situated persons by means of unfair competition.
 - 113. California law requires employers to pay hourly, non-exempt employees for all hours

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- 114. Plaintiff and the UCL Class members re-allege and incorporate the FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH causes of action herein.
 - 115. Plaintiff lost money or property as a result of the aforementioned unfair competition.
 - 116. Defendants have or may have acquired money by means of unfair competition.
- 117. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that by committing the Labor Code violations described in this Complaint, Defendants violated Labor Code sections 215, 216, 225, 226.6, 226.7, 246, 354, 408, 512, 510, 553, 1175, 1174, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 1199, as well as applicable Wage Orders, which make it a misdemeanor to commit the violations alleged herein.
- 118. Defendants have committed criminal conduct through their policies and practices of, inter alia, failing to comport with their affirmative obligations as an employer to: provide non-exempt employees with compliant meal and rest periods; pay for all hours worked at the proper rates of pay; and proper sick time pay.
- Defendants' unlawful conduct as alleged in this Complaint amounts to and constitutes unfair competition within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq. Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq. protects against unfair competition and allows a person who has suffered an injury-in-fact and has lost money or property as a result of an unfair, unlawful or fraudulent business practice to seek restitution on his own behalf and on behalf of similarly situated persons in a class action proceeding.
- As a result of Defendants' violations of the Labor Code during the applicable limitations period, Plaintiff has suffered an injury-in-fact and has lost money or property in the form of earned wages. Specifically, Plaintiff has lost money or property as a result of Defendants' conduct.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that other similarly situated persons have been subject to the same unlawful policies or practices of Defendants.
- Due to the unfair and unlawful business practices in violation of the Labor Code, 122. Defendants have gained a competitive advantage over other comparable companies doing business in

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the State of California that comply with their legal obligations.

- 123. California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL") permits civil recovery and injunctive relief for "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice," including if a practice or act violates or is considered unlawful under any other state or federal law.
- Accordingly, pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17200 and 17203, Plaintiff requests the issuance of temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining Defendants, and each of them, and their agents and employees, from further violations of the Labor Code and applicable Wage Orders.
- 125. Accordingly, pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code sections 17200 and 17203, Plaintiff requests the issuance of temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining Defendants, and each of them, and their agents and employees, from further violations of the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders; and upon a final hearing seeks an order permanently enjoining Defendants, and each of them, and their respective agents and employees, from further violations of the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders.
- 126. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and UCL Class members, seeks declaratory relief and restitution of all monies rightfully belonging to them that Defendants did not pay them or otherwise retained by means of its unlawful and unfair business practices.
- Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff and UCL Class members are entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with their unfair competition claims.
- 128. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and UCL Class members, seeks declaratory relief and restitution of all monies rightfully belonging to them that Defendants did not pay them or otherwise retained by means of its unlawful and unfair business practices.
- Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff and UCL Class members are entitled to recover

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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3,740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3,740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

Auto Tort

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)

Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice

Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care

Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of **Emotional Distress**

Negligent Infliction of **Emotional Distress**

Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19) Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

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Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)

Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of County) Confession of Judgment (non-domestic

relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only

Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified above) (43)

Civil Harassment Workplace Violence

Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Election Contest

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief From Late Claim

Other Civil Petition

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

- **Step 1:** After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.
- **Step 2:** In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.
- **Step 3:** In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

- 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.
- 2. Permissive filing in central district.
- 3. Location where cause of action arose.
- 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.
- 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
- 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.

- 7. Location where petitioner resides.
- 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
- 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
- 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
- ${\bf 11.}\ Mandatory\ filing\ location\ (Hub\ Cases-unlawful\ detainer,\ limited\ non-collection,\ limited\ collection,\ or\ personal\ injury).$

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto (22)	☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
Asbestos (04)	□ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage □ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11
Product Liability (24)	☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
Medical Malpractice (45)	□ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons □ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury Property Darnage Wrongful Death (23)	 □ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) □ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) □ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress □ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death 	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11

Auto Tort

Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort SHORT TITLE: Gonzales v. Rose Hills Company, et al.

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Business Tort (07)	☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
Civil Rights (08)	□ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
Defamation (13)	□ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
Fraud (16)	□ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
Professional Negligence (25)	□ A6017 Legal Malpractice □ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
Other (35)	□ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3
Wrongful Termination (36)	□ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
Other Employment (15)	☐ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case ☐ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	①2, 3 10
Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	 □ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) □ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) □ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) □ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence) 	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
Collections (09)	 □ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff □ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case □ A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014) 	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
Other Contract (37)	□ A6009 Contractual Fraud □ A6031 Tortious Interference □ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	□ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2, 6
Wrongful Eviction (33)	□ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
Other Real Property (26)	 □ A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure □ A6032 Quiet Title □ A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure) 	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	□ A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	□ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

Unlawful Detainer Real Property

Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

Employment

Contract

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
	Asset Forfeiture (05)	□ A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
×.	Petition re Arbitration (11)	□ A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
Judicial Review	Writ of Mandate (02)	 □ A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus □ A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter □ A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review 	2, 8
	Other Judicial Review (39)	☐ A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2, 8
<u> </u>	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	☐ A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
tigatio	Construction Defect (10)	☐ A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
plex Li	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	□ A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
у Сош	Securities Litigation (28)	□ A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	☐ A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
Provi	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	☐ A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
		☐ A6141 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
4 4		☐ A6160 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement	☐ A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2, 9
orce udg	of Judgment (20)	☐ A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
Enf of J		☐ A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax	2, 8
		□ A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
. S	RICO (27)	☐ A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints		☐ A6030 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
llan	Other Complaints	☐ A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
Miscella Sivil Con	(Not Specified Above) (42)	☐ A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
≌ င်		El A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	☐ A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8
		☐ A6121 Civil Harassment	2, 3, 9
SIIS		☐ A6123 Workplace Harassment	2, 3, 9
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Detitions (Net	☐ A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case	2, 3, 9
celli ii Pe	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	☐ A6190 Election Contest	2
Mis Civ		☐ A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender	2,7
		☐ A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2, 3, 8
		☐ A6100 Other Civil Petition	2, 9

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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

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(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY **COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:**

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- 4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
- 6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- 7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE

THE PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE THIS ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE ON EACH PARTY WITH THE COMPLAINT.

CROSS-COMPLAINANTS must serve this ADR Information Package on any new parties named to the action with the cross-complaint.

What is ADR?

ADR helps people find solutions to their legal disputes without going to trial. The main types of ADR are negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and settlement conferences. When ADR is done by phone, videoconference or computer, it may be called Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). These alternatives to litigation and trial are described below.

Advantages of ADR

- Saves Time: ADR is faster than going to trial.
- Saves Money: Parties can save on court costs, attorney's fees, and witness fees.
- Keeps Control (with the parties): Parties choose their ADR process and provider for voluntary ADR.
- Reduces Stress/Protects Privacy: ADR is done outside the courtroom, in private offices, by phone or online.

Disadvantages of ADR

- Costs: If the parties do not resolve their dispute, they may have to pay for ADR, litigation, and trial.
- No Public Trial: ADR does not provide a public trial or a decision by a judge or jury.

Main Types of ADR

- 1. **Negotiation**: Parties often talk with each other in person, or by phone or online about resolving their case with a settlement agreement instead of a trial. If the parties have lawyers, they will negotiate for their clients.
- 2. **Mediation:** In mediation, a neutral mediator listens to each person's concerns, helps them evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their case, and works with them to try to create a settlement agreement that is acceptable to all. Mediators do not decide the outcome. Parties may go to trial if they decide not to settle.

Mediation may be appropriate when the parties

- want to work out a solution but need help from a neutral person.
- have communication problems or strong emotions that interfere with resolution.

Mediation may not be appropriate when the parties

- want a public trial and want a judge or jury to decide the outcome.
- lack equal bargaining power or have a history of physical/emotional abuse.

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Mediation for civil cases is voluntary and parties may select any mediator they wish. Options include:

- a. The Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List
 - If all parties in an active civil case agree to mediation, they may contact these organizations to request a "Resource List Mediation" for mediation at reduced cost or no cost (for selected cases).
 - ADR Services, Inc. Case Manager Elizabeth Sanchez, elizabeth@adrservices.com (949) 863-9800
 - Mediation Center of Los Angeles Program Manager info@mediationLA.org (833) 476-9145

These organizations cannot accept every case and they may decline cases at their discretion. They may offer online mediation by video conference for cases they accept. Before contacting these organizations, review important information and FAQs at www.lacourt.org/ADR.Res.List

NOTE: The Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List program does not accept family law, probate or small claims cases.

- b. Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Programs
 - https://hrc.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DRP-Fact-Sheet-23October19-Current-as-of-October-2019-1.pdf
 - Day of trial mediation programs have been paused until further notice.
 - Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). Parties in small claims and unlawful detainer (eviction) cases should carefully review the Notice and other information they may receive about (ODR) requirements for their case.
- c. Mediators and ADR and Bar organizations that provide mediation may be found on the internet.
- 3. Arbitration: Arbitration is less formal than trial, but like trial, the parties present evidence and arguments to the person who decides the outcome. In "binding" arbitration, the arbitrator's decision is final; there is no right to trial. In "nonbinding" arbitration, any party can request a trial after the arbitrator's decision. For more information about arbitration, visit http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-adr.htm
- 4. Mandatory SettlementConferences (MSC): MSCs are ordered by the Court and are often held close to the trial date or on the day of trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or settlement officer who does not make a decision but who instead assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. For information about the Court's MSC programs for civil cases, visit http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/C10047.aspx

Los Angeles Superior Court ADR website: http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/C10109.aspx For general information and videos about ADR, visit http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-adr.htm

VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS



Superior Court of California **County of Los Angeles**



Los Angeles County **Bar Association Litigation Section**

Los Angeles County **Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section**





Southern California **Defense Counsel**





California Employment Lawyers Association

The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

following organizations The endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

- **♦**Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section**♦**
 - Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section◆
 - ◆Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles◆
 - ◆Southern California Defense Counsel◆
 - **♦**Association of Business Trial Lawyers **♦**
 - ▶California Employment Lawyers Association◆

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This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

- 1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:
 - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
 - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
 - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
 - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
 - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
 - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
 - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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	discussed in the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the complaint;			
h.	Computation of damages, including which such computation is based;	documents, not privileged	or protected from disclosure, on	
i.	Whether the case is suitable for twww.lacourt.org under "Civil" and to			
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3.	The parties will prepare a joint repo and Early Organizational Meeting S results of their meet and confer and efficient conduct or resolution of the the Case Management Conference statement is due.	Stipulation, and if desired, d advising the Court of an e case. The parties shall a	a proposed order summarizing y way it may assist the parties' ttach the Joint Status Report to	
4.	References to "days" mean calenda any act pursuant to this stipulation for for performing that act shall be exten	alls on a Saturday, Sunday		
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COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: PLAINTIFF:		
DEFENDANT:		
STIPULATION - DISCOVERY	RESOLUTION	CASE NUMBER:

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This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

The parties agree that:

- 1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
- 2. At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
- 3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
 - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
 - File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the i. approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
 - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
 - Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service iii. that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
 - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
 - Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached); i.
 - Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied; ii.

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
- iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
- 4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
- 5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
 - It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying ex parte for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
- 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
- 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

The parties agree that:

- 1. At least days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
- 2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
 - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
 - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
- 3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

General Order Re
Use of Voluntary Efficient Litigation
Stipulations

ORDER PURSUANT TO CCP 1054(a),
EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND BY
30 DAYS WHEN PARTIES AGREE
TO EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL

Whereas the Los Angeles Superior Court and the Executive Committee of the Litigation Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association have cooperated in drafting "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations" and in proposing the stipulations for use in general jurisdiction civil litigation in Los Angeles County;

MEETING STIPULATION

Whereas the Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section; the Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section; the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles; the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel; the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Los Angeles; and the California Employment Lawyers Association all "endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation, and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases;"

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Whereas the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in litigation in order to achieve litigation efficiencies;

Whereas it is intended that use of the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation will promote economic case resolution and judicial efficiency;

Whereas, in order to promote a meaningful discussion of pleading issues at the Early Organizational Meeting and potentially to reduce the need for motions to challenge the pleadings, it is necessary to allow additional time to conduct the Early Organizational Meeting before the time to respond to a complaint or cross complaint has expired;

Whereas Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a) allows a judge of the court in which an action is pending to extend for not more than 30 days the time to respond to a pleading "upon good cause shown";

Now, therefore, this Court hereby finds that there is good cause to extend for 30 days the time to respond to a complaint or to a cross complaint in any action in which the parties have entered into the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation. This finding of good cause is based on the anticipated judicial efficiency and benefits of economic case resolution that the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation is intended to promote.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, in any case in which the parties have entered into an Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, the time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross complaint shall be extended by the 30 days permitted

by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a) without further need of a specific court order. Carolyn B. Kuhl Supervising Judge of the Civil Departments, Los Angeles Superior Court

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- e) "Electronic Filing Service Provider" An Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP) is a person or entity that receives an electronic filing from a party for retransmission to the Court. In the submission of filings, the EFSP does so on behalf of the electronic filer and not as an agent of the Court. (California Rules of Court, rule 2.250(b)(8).)
- f) "Electronic Signature" For purposes of these local rules and in conformity with Code of Civil Procedure section 17, subdivision (b)(3), section 34, and section 1010.6, subdivision (b)(2), Government Code section 68150, subdivision (g), and California Rules of Court, rule 2.257, the term "Electronic Signature" is generally defined as an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record.
- g) "Hyperlink" An electronic link providing direct access from one distinctively marked place in a hypertext or hypermedia document to another in the same or different document.
- h) "Portable Document Format" A digital document format that preserves all fonts, formatting, colors and graphics of the original source document, regardless of the application platform used.

2) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

a) Trial Court Records

Pursuant to Government Code section 68150, trial court records may be created, maintained, and preserved in electronic format. Any document that the Court receives electronically must be clerically processed and must satisfy all legal filing requirements in order to be filed as an official court record (California Rules of Court, rules 2.100, et seq. and 2.253(b)(6)).

b) Represented Litigants

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b), represented litigants are required to electronically file documents with the Court through an approved EFSP.

c) Public Notice

The Court has issued a Public Notice with effective dates the Court required parties to electronically file documents through one or more approved EFSPs. Public Notices containing effective dates and the list of EFSPs are available on the Court's website, at www.lacourt.org.

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d) Documents in Related Cases

Documents in related cases must be electronically filed in the eFiling portal for that case type if electronic filing has been implemented in that case type, regardless of whether the case has been related to a Civil case.

3) EXEMPT LITIGANTS

- a) Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(2), self-represented litigants are exempt from mandatory electronic filing requirements.
- b) Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6, subdivision (d)(3) and California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(4), any party may make application to the Court requesting to be excused from filing documents electronically and be permitted to file documents by conventional means if the party shows undue hardship or significant prejudice.

4) EXEMPT FILINGS

- a) The following documents shall not be filed electronically:
 - i) Peremptory Challenges or Challenges for Cause of a Judicial Officer pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 170.6 or 170.3;
 - ii) Bonds/Undertaking documents;
 - iii) Trial and Evidentiary Hearing Exhibits
 - iv) Any ex parte application that is filed concurrently with a new complaint including those that will be handled by a Writs and Receivers department in the Mosk courthouse; and
 - v) Documents submitted conditionally under seal. The actual motion or application shall be electronically filed. A courtesy copy of the electronically filed motion or application to submit documents conditionally under seal must be provided with the documents submitted conditionally under seal.

b) Lodgments

Documents attached to a Notice of Lodgment shall be lodged and/or served conventionally in paper form. The actual document entitled, "Notice of Lodgment," shall be filed electronically.

and entities electronically filing with the court.

6) TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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- a) Electronic documents must be electronically filed in PDF, text searchable format when technologically feasible without impairment of the document's image.
- b) The table of contents for any filing must be bookmarked.
- c) Electronic documents, including but not limited to, declarations, proofs of service, and exhibits, must be bookmarked within the document pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1110(f)(4). Electronic bookmarks must include links to the first page of each bookmarked item (e.g. exhibits, declarations, deposition excerpts) and with bookmark titles that identify the bookedmarked item and briefly describe the item.
- d) Attachments to primary documents must be bookmarked. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i) Depositions;
 - ii) Declarations;
 - iii) Exhibits (including exhibits to declarations);
 - iv) Transcripts (including excerpts within transcripts);
 - v) Points and Authorities;
 - vi) Citations; and
 - vii) Supporting Briefs.
- e) Use of hyperlinks within documents (including attachments and exhibits) is strongly encouraged.
- f) Accompanying Documents
 Each document acompanying a single pleading must be electronically filed as a separate digital PDF document.
- g) Multiple Documents

 Multiple documents relating to one case can be uploaded in one envelope transaction.

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h) Writs and Abstracts

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Writs and Abstracts must be submitted as a separate electronic envelope.

i) Sealed Documents

If and when a judicial officer orders documents to be filed under seal, those documents must be filed electronically (unless exempted under paragraph 4); the burden of accurately designating the documents as sealed at the time of electronic submission is the submitting party's responsibility.

j) Redaction

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 1.201, it is the submitting party's responsibility to redact confidential information (such as using initials for names of minors, using the last four digits of a social security number, and using the year for date of birth) so that the information shall not be publicly displayed.

7) ELECTRONIC FILING SCHEDULE

- a) Filed Date
 - i) Any document received electronically by the court between 12:00 am and 11:59:59 pm shall be deemed to have been effectively filed on that court day if accepted for filing. Any document received electronically on a non-court day, is deemed to have been effectively filed on the next court day if accepted. (California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(6); Code Civ. Proc. § 1010.6(b)(3).)
 - ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, if a digital document is not filed in due course because of: (1) an interruption in service; (2) a transmission error that is not the fault of the transmitter; or (3) a processing failure that occurs after receipt, the Court may order, either on its own motion or by noticed motion submitted with a declaration for Court consideration, that the document be deemed filed and/or that the document's filing date conform to the attempted transmission date.

8) EX PARTE APPLICATIONS

a) Ex parte applications and all documents in support thereof must be electronically filed no later than 10:00 a.m. the court day before the ex parte hearing.

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b) Any written opposition to an ex parte application must be electronically filed by 8:30 a.m. the day of the ex parte hearing. A printed courtesy copy of any opposition to an ex parte application must be provided to the court the day of the ex parte hearing.

9) PRINTED COURTESY COPIES

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- a) For any filing electronically filed two or fewer days before the hearing, a courtesy copy must be delivered to the courtroom by 4:30 p.m. the same business day the document is efiled. If the efiling is submitted after 4:30 p.m., the courtesy copy must be delivered to the courtroom by 10:00 a.m. the next business day.
- b) Regardless of the time of electronic filing, a printed courtesy copy (along with proof of electronic submission) is required for the following documents:
 - Any printed document required pursuant to a Standing or General Order; i)
 - ii) Pleadings and motions (including attachments such as declarations and exhibits) of 26 pages or more;
 - Pleadings and motions that include points and authorities; iii)
 - iv) Demurrers;
 - Anti-SLAPP filings, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16; v)
 - vi) Motions for Summary Judgment/Adjudication; and
 - vii) Motions to Compel Further Discovery.
- c) Nothing in this General Order precludes a Judicial Officer from requesting a courtesy copy of additional documents. Courtroom specific courtesy copy guidelines can be found at www.lacourt.org on the Civil webpage under "Courtroom Information."

10) WAIVER OF FEES AND COSTS FOR ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS

- a) Fees and costs associated with electronic filing must be waived for any litigant who has received a fee waiver. (California Rules of Court, rules 2.253(b)(), 2.258(b), Code Civ. Proc. § 1010.6(d)(2).)
- b) Fee waiver applications for waiver of court fees and costs pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6, subdivision (b)(6), and California Rules of Court, rule 2.252(f), may be electronically filed in any authorized action or proceeding.

11) SIGNATURES ON ELECTRONIC FILING

For purposes of this General Order, all electronic filings must be in compliance with California Rules of Court, rule 2.257. This General Order applies to documents filed within the Civil Division of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

This First Amended General Order supersedes any previous order related to electronic filing, and is effective immediately, and is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Civil Supervising Judge and/or Presiding Judge.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

SANCTIONS 1 2 1

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.

Class Actions

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

*Provisionally Complex Cases

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

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Entity: Rose Hills Company

Entity I.D. Number: 2545279

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Title of Action: Manuel Gonzales vs. Rose Hills Company

Matter Name/ID: Manuel Gonzales vs. Rose Hills Company (15671683)

Document(s) type: Notice and Complaint

Nature of Action: Class Action

Court/Agency: Los Angeles County Superior Court, California

Case/Reference No: LWDA-CM-1026098-24

Jurisdiction Served: California **Date Served on CSC** 05/06/2024

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Entity: SCI Shared Services, Inc.

Entity I.D. Number: 3536546

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Title of Action: Manuel Gonzales, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated vs. Rose H

Matter Name/ID: Manuel Gonzales vs. Rose Hills Company (15681271)

Document(s) type: Summons/Complaint

Nature of Action: Class Action

Court/Agency: Los Angeles County Superior Court, California

Case/Reference No: 24STCV11192
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May 3, 2024

VIA ON-LINE SUBMISSION AND MAIL:

https://dir.tfaforms.net/128 (copy by certified mail to all Defendants)

Private Attorneys General Act Attn. PAGA Administrator 455 Golden Gate Avenue, 9th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

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LWDA Case No.: LWDA-CM-1026098-24

Re: Labor Code § 2698, et seq. Penalties – PAGA Notice Letter to the LWDA

Manuel Gonzales v. Rose Hills Company, et al.

Gentlepersons:

This office represents Plaintiff Manuel Gonzales ("Plaintiff") and other similarly situated aggrieved employees (collectively "Aggrieved Employees") for violations of California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 246, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1185, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 1199, 2698, and 2699, et seq., provisions of the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) Wage Order(s); and California Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

The purpose of this letter is to comply with the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, pursuant to California Labor Code § 2698 et. seq. ("the Act"). Unless specified below, Plaintiff would like to bring a representative action, pursuant to the Act, on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated, Aggrieved Employees, and the State of California, against Defendants, Rose Hills Corporation, and DOES 1 through 50 inclusive (all defendants being referred to herein collectively as "Defendants").

Additionally, this correspondence will serve to satisfy the notice requirements under the Act, along Plaintiff's Class Action Complaint, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The Complaint is being concurrently filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court and will be assigned a local case number. The Complaint allegations and claims are incorporated into this Notice Letter.

We also set forth herein the facts and theories and the California Labor Code violations which Defendants engaged in with respect to Plaintiff an all of their Aggrieved Employees in California. The Class Action Complaint provides the details of Plaintiff's class-wide claims and claims under the Act, and the applicable California law governing them. It, along with this Notice Letter, addresses in detail numerous violations that subject Defendants to civil and statutory penalties under the Act.

Relevant Facts

Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt hourly employee in California. Aggrieved Employees include all non-exempt hourly employees of Defendants within the state of California from one year prior to the date of this letter and continuing through the present (Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees are collectively referred to herein as "Aggrieved Employees"). However, with regard to the allegations under Labor Code § 226(a) only, Plaintiff expands the scope and



definition of the Aggrieved Employees to all employees of Defendants within the state of California from one year prior to the date of this letter and continuing through the present.

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Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Aggrieved Employees proper wages and overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay.

Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees proper wages and overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay. First, Defendants implemented an unlawful time-rounding policy and practice which rounded down and reduced the actual working hours recorded by Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, and upon which their pay was based, and generally did so to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, and these unlawfully rounded time entries were inputted into Defendants' payroll system from which wage statements and payroll checks were created. Defendants did so with the ostensible intent of paying Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees only for the hours they were scheduled to work, rather than the hours they were actually under Defendants' control. Plaintiff contends this policy is not neutral and results, over time, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees by systematically undercompensating them.

Next, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were also consistently required to perform work, offthe-clock, for which they were not paid wages. Specifically, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees would clock in a before their scheduled shift and would not get compensated from the actual time they clocked in. Additionally, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees would be required to put on protective gear, such as steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety gloves prior to clocking in. Finally, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were required to perform work during unpaid meal periods which they were systemically denied, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks. The forgoing and uncompensated working time was under the direction and control of Defendants, for which no wages were paid.

This uncompensated time caused Aggrieved Employees to work in excess of eight (8), ten (10) and/or twelve (12) hours a day and/or forty (40) hours a week, entitling Aggrieved Employees to minimum and overtime wages, which they were systemically denied.

Defendants also failed to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees overtime wages at the proper and applicable regular rates of pay. Specifically, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees earned performance-based non-discretionary bonuses in addition to their hourly pay. However, these supplemental earnings were not accounted for when determining Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees' regular rates of pay, and respective and proper overtime rates of pay.

Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees the opportunity to take meal periods in compliance with the California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were required to keep and monitor their work radios during their meal and rest breaks. Additionally, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were constantly interrupted during their meal breaks via radio calls. Next, due to understaffing and heavy workloads, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were denied the opportunity to take timely meal periods prior to the completion of their fifth hour of work. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not relieved of all work duties during unpaid meal periods and were interrupted during meal breaks or required to keep working during meal breaks.

Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not provided with meal periods of at least thirty (30)



minutes for each five (5) hour work period due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each meal period as part of each work shift; (2) no formal written meal policy that encouraged employees to take their meal periods, or that advised Aggrieved Employees of their meal and rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' practice of requiring putative Aggrieved Employees to continue working through their meal and rest periods due to the excessive workload.

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Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees the opportunity to take rest periods in compliance with the California Law. Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not provided with rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each rest period as part of each work shift, including second rest breaks for shifts of six (6) hours or more; (2) no formal compliant written rest period policy that encouraged employees to take their rest periods, or that properly advised Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees of their rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' policy and practice of requiring putative Aggrieved Employees to continue working through their rest breaks due to the excessive workload, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks.

Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were consistently interrupted during their rest breaks via their radios constantly. Additionally, on shifts that Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees worked between ten to twelve hours, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not given their required third rest break.

Furthermore, Defendants failed to pay Aggrieved Employees premium pay wages at their appropriate regular rates of pay for each meal and rest period denied.

Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Aggrieved Employees the requisite sick time pay in accordance with California Law. Specifically, Aggrieved Employees worked for Defendants for more than 30 days, but were not paid at least one hour of sick pay for every 30 hours of work, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12 month period of work. Additionallly, the sick pay paid to Plaintiff and Aggrirved Employees did not account for the shift differential pay as well as performance-based non-discretionary bonuses, which were never factored into the rate upon which sick pay was accrued and paid.

Aggrieved Employees were not provided with accurate wage statements as mandated by law pursuant to Labor Code section 226. Specifically, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(1) as "gross wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that; all hours worked. including overtime, were not included. Next, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(2) as "total hours worked by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included. Additionally, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(5) as "net wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included. Finally, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(9) as "all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.

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PAGA Claim Details, Legal Bases for Violations and Penalties:

As addressed above and in further detail in the Class Action Complaint, the Aggrieved Employees complain of the following violations committed by Defendants:¹

Failure to Pay Minimum Wages

Defendants violated the law by failing to pay Aggrieved Employees minimum wages for all hours worked. California Labor Code § 1197, entitled "Pay of Less Than Minimum Wage" states, "[t]he minimum wage for employees fixed by the commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less wage than the minimum so fixed is unlawful." The applicable minimum wages fixed by the commission for work during the relevant period is found in the Wage Orders.

In California, employees must be paid at least the then applicable state minimum wage for all hours worked, including under Labor Code § 1197, IWC Wage Order MW-2014, and paragraphs 2(K), 2(S), and 4(A)-4(C) of the applicable IWC Wage Orders. Paragraph 2(H) of the applicable IWC Wage Orders defines "Hours Worked" as "the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work. whether or not required to do so." Additionally, pursuant to Labor Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked. Defendants failed to do so.

California Labor Code § 1197, entitled "Pay of Less Than Minimum Wage" states: "The minimum wage for employees fixed by the commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less wage than the minimum so fixed is unlawful." The minimum wage provisions of California Labor Code are enforceable by private civil action pursuant to Labor Code § 1194(a) which states: "Notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser wage, any employee receiving less than the legal minimum wage or the legal overtime compensation applicable to the employee is entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of the full amount of this minimum wage or overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit."

As described in California Labor Code §§ 1185 and 1194.2, any action for wages incorporates the applicable Wage Order of the California Industrial Welfare Commission. Also, California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, 1197.1 and those Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders entitle nonexempt employees to an amount equal to or greater than the minimum wage for all hours worked. All hours must be paid at the statutory or agreed rate, or at the minimum rate in the absence of a contractually agreed upon one. The underpayment of wages to Aggrieved Employees is and has been a direct consequence of Defendants' unlawful compensation policies and practices, which applied uniformly to the Aggrieved Employees working at locations and work sites throughout California.

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¹ Plaintiff hereby reserves the right to seek penalties on behalf of all Aggrieved Employees, for Defendants' violations of the applicable provisions of the Labor Code, suffered by Aggrieved Employees, but not directly suffered by Plaintiff under Huff v. Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. (2018) 23 Cal.App.5th 745.



Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees proper wages and overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay. First, Defendants implemented an unlawful time-rounding policy and practice which rounded down and reduced the actual working hours recorded by Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, and upon which their pay was based, and generally did so to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, and these unlawfully rounded time entries were inputted into Defendants' payroll system from which wage statements and payroll checks were created. Defendants did so with the ostensible intent of paying Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees only for the hours they were scheduled to work, rather than the hours they were actually under Defendants' control. Plaintiff contends this policy is not neutral and results, over time, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees by systematically undercompensating them.

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Next, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were also consistently required to perform work, offthe-clock, for which they were not paid wages. Specifically, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees would clock in a before their scheduled shift and would not get compensated from the actual time they clocked in. Additionally, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees would be required to put on protective gear, such as steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety gloves prior to clocking in. Finally, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were required to perform work during unpaid meal periods which they were systemically denied, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks. The forgoing and uncompensated working time was under the direction and control of Defendants, for which no wages were paid.

Defendants have the ability to pay minimum and overtime wages for all time worked and have willfully refused to pay such wages with the intent to secure for Defendants a discount upon this indebtedness with the intent to annoy, harass, oppress, hinder, delay, or defraud Aggrieved Employees.

In light of the forgoing, the Aggrieved Employees seek to recover wages and penalties. Aggrieved Employees are entitled to recover the unpaid minimum wages (including double minimum wages), liquidated damages in an amount equal to the minimum wages unlawfully unpaid, interest thereon and reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194(a). the other Aggrieved Employees further request recovery of all unpaid wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the assessment of any statutory and civil penalties against Defendants, in a sum as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. including pursuant to Labor Code § 558, and Wage Order provisions. To the extent minimum wage compensation is determined to be owed to the Aggrieved Employees who have terminated their employment, Defendants' conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore these individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under California Labor Code § 203, which penalties are sought herein on behalf of these Aggrieved Employees. Defendants' failure to timely pay all wages owed also violated Labor Code § 204 and resulted in violations of Labor Code § 226 because they resulted in the issuance of inaccurate wage statements. Defendants' conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in good faith. Further, other Aggrieved Employees are entitled to seek and recover statutory costs.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff is seeking all civil and statutory penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 510, 558, 1194.2, 1197.1, 1199, 2699(f)(2), and 2699.5, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).





Failure to Pay Wages and Overtime in Violation of Labor Code § 510

Defendants violated the law by failing to pay Aggrieved Employees earned wages and overtime. Specifically, Aggrieved Employees consistently worked in excess of eight (8), ten (10), and twelve (12) hours a day, and/or forty (40) hours a week. However, Aggrieved Employees were not paid overtime wages for hours worked in excess of 8 hours a day. Moreover, the uncompensated time, discussed above caused Aggrieved Employees to work in excess of eight (8), ten (10), and twelve (12) hours a day and/or 40 hours a week, further entitling Aggrieved Employees overtime wages which they were consistently denied, all in violation of Labor Code § 510 and applicable Wage Orders.

Defendants also failed to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees overtime wages at the proper and applicable regular rates of pay. Specifically, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees earned performance-based non-discretionary bonuses in addition to their hourly pay. However, these supplemental earnings were not accounted for when determining Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees' regular rates of pay, and respective and proper overtime rates of pay.

Defendants have violated Labor Code § 1194 and Labor Code § 510 (and paragraphs 2(K), 2(S), 3(A) and 4(A)-4(B) of the relevant orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission) by failing to pay Employees: (a) time and one-half their regular hourly rates for hours worked in excess of eight hours in a workday or in excess of forty hours in any workweek or for the first eight hours worked on the seventh day of work in any one workweek; or (b) twice their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of twelve hours in any one day or for hours worked in excess of eight hours on any seventh day of work in a workweek. Defendants had a consistent policy of not paying Employees wages for all hours worked, including by requiring off the clock work as addressed above and by under-reporting actual hours worked. With work shifts generally requiring eight hours or more of work on a given day, this unpaid off the clock work resulted in Aggrieved Employees working past eight hours on a shift or more than forty hours in a week, which required that they be paid at the correct overtime rate of 1.5 times their regular rate.

When considered in combination with the other wage violations addressed above, Aggrieved Employees were not properly compensated, nor were they paid overtime and double time rates for hours worked in excess of 8, 10, and 12 hours in a given day, and/or forty hours in a given week. Defendants did not make available to Employees a reasonable protocol for correcting time records when Employees worked overtime hours or to fix incorrect time entries or those that Defendants unlawfully under-recorded to the Employee's detriment. Defendants have also violated these provisions by requiring other similarly situated Aggrieved Employees to work through meal periods when they were required to be clocked out or to otherwise work off the clock to complete their daily job duties.

In light of the forgoing, Aggrieved Employees seek to recover wages and penalties pursuant to the California Labor Code, including Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1174, 1194, 1198, 1199, and the relevant paragraphs of the IWC Wage Orders, including paragraphs 2(K), 2(S), 3(A), 4, and 20. Defendants are liable to Employees for the full amount of all their unpaid wages and overtime compensation, with interest, plus their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, as well as the



assessment of any statutory penalties against Defendants, and each of them, and any additional sums as provided by the Labor Code and/or other statutes and Wage Order provisions.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period. Plaintiff is seeking all civil and statutory penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 510, 558, 1194.2, 1197.1, 1199, 2699(f)(2), and 2699.5, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

Meal-Period Liability Under Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512 and Penalties

Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees the opportunity to take meal periods in compliance with the California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were required to keep and monitor their work radios during their meal and rest breaks. Additionally, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were constantly interrupted during their meal breaks via radio calls. Next, due to understaffing and heavy workloads, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were denied the opportunity to take timely meal periods prior to the completion of their fifth hour of work. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not relieved of all work duties during unpaid meal periods and were interrupted during meal breaks or required to keep working during meal breaks.

Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not provided with meal periods of at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each meal period as part of each work shift; (2) no formal written meal policy that encouraged employees to take their meal periods, or that advised Aggrieved Employees of their meal and rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' practice of requiring putative Aggrieved Employees to continue working through their meal and rest periods due to the excessive workload.

Defendants also failed to pay Aggrieved Employees "premium pay," i.e. one hour of wages at each Aggrieved Employee's effective regular rate of pay, for each meal period that Defendants failed to provide or deficiently provided, including by miscalculating any premium payments they did make. Therefore, pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7 and paragraphs 11 and 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order, Aggrieved Employees are entitled to damages in an amount equal to one hour of wages at their correctly calculated regular rate of compensation for each meal period not provided or deficiently provided, as well as the assessment of any statutory penalties against the Defendants, and each of them, in a sum as provided by the Labor Code, including Labor Code § 558 and other applicable statutes and Wage Order provisions.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff is seeking all civil and statutory penalties and wages as available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558, including sections 558(a)(1)-(3), 1199, 2699(f)(2) and 2699.5, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

Rest-Break Liability Under Labor Code § 226.7 and Penalties

Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees the opportunity to take rest periods in compliance with the California Law. Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not provided with rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each rest period as part of each work shift, including second rest breaks for shifts of six (6) hours or more; (2) no formal compliant written rest period policy that encouraged employees

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to take their rest periods, or that properly advised Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees of their rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' policy and practice of requiring putative Aggrieved Employees to continue working through their rest breaks due to the excessive workload, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks.

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Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were consistently interrupted during their rest breaks via their radios constantly. Additionally, on shifts that Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees worked between ten to twelve hours. Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were not given their required third rest break.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff is seeking all civil and statutory penalties and wages as available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558, including sections 558(a)(1)-(3), 1199, 2699(f)(2), and 2699.5, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

Failure to Pay Proper Sick Time

Labor Code Section 246 affords an employee "who works in California for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment [] paid sick days . . . of not less than one hour per every 30 hours worked" and "no less than 24 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period."

Additionally, Subsection (1) of Section 246 provides:

For the purposes of this section, an employer shall calculate paid sick leave using any of the following calculations:

(1) Paid sick time for nonexempt employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the workweek in which the employee uses paid sick time, whether or not the employee actually works overtime in that workweek.

Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Aggrieved Employees the requisite sick time pay in accordance with California Law. Specifically, Aggrieved Employees worked for Defendants for more than 30 days, but were not paid at least one hour of sick pay for every 30 hours of work, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12 month period of work. Additionally, the sick pay paid to Plaintiff and Aggrirved Employees did not account for the shift differential pay as well as performance-based non-discretionary bonuses, which were never factored into the rate upon which sick pay was accrued and paid.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff asserts PAGA claims for failure to timely pay all wages owed, including at least semi-monthly and upon separation or termination, under Labor Code §§ 203, 204, 246, 2926, 2927, and 2699.5 seeking all civil penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 204, 210, 246, 558, 1197, 1198, 1199 and 2699(f)(2), and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

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Failure to Issue Accurate and Itemized Wage Statements in Violation of Labor Code § 226

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California Labor Code § 226(a) requires an employer to furnish each employee with an accurate. itemized wage statements in writing. These statements must be appended to the detachable part of the check, draft, voucher, or whatever else serves to pay the employee's wages; or, if wages are paid by cash or personal check, these statements may be given to the employee separately from the payment of wages; in either case the employer must give the employee these statements twice a month or each time wages are paid. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' violation of Labor Code § 226(a), Aggrieved Employees suffered injuries, including among other things confusion over whether they received all wages owed them, the difficulty and expense involved in reconstructing pay records, and forcing them to make mathematical computations to analyze whether the wages paid in fact compensated them correctly for all hours worked.

Aggrieved Employees were not provided with accurate wage statements as mandated by law pursuant to Labor Code section 226. Specifically, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(1) as "gross wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included. Next, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(2) as "total hours worked by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included. Additionally, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(5) as "net wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included. Finally, Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(9) as "all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.

Additionally, for the purposes of Subsection (a)(9), Plaintiff seeks to expand the scope of the Aggrieved Employees she seeks to represent to extend to all individuals employed by Defendants during the applicable period. The wage statements issued to Aggrieved Employees failed to state all applicable hourly rates for which Aggrieved Employees were paid as required by Labor Code § 226(a)(9).

In light of these violations, and pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226(a) and 226(e) and paragraphs 4(b), 7, and 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, Aggrieved Employees are entitled to recover the greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) for each violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000). They are also entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff asserts PAGA claims for failure to provide Aggrieved Employees with accurate, itemized wage statements and failure to maintain employment records for Aggrieved Employees under Labor Code §§ 226, 1174, and 1198.5, and Sections 7(A), 7(B), and 7(C) of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and statutory penalties and wages available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3, 558, 1174.5, 1199, and 2699(f)(2), and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1). More specifically, by providing inaccurate wage statements and failing to maintain records as required under Labor Code § 226(a),

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Defendants committed ongoing violations giving rise to civil penalties under Labor Code §226.3, which in addition to other penalties provided by law, subjects Defendants to "a penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per employee per violation in an initial citation and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per employee for each violation in a subsequent citation, ..."

Failure to Keep Records In Accordance With Labor Code § 1174

Labor Code § 1174 requires employers to keep records showing payroll data and the hours worked daily by and the wages paid to employees. By failing to pay Aggrieved Employees proper wages, overtime, double time, premium pay, etc., and by not recording meal period start and end times, all discussed herein, Defendants failed to maintain proper employment records in accordance with Section 1174. In light of the forgoing, Aggrieved Employees seek to recover penalties pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1174.5 and 2699, et seq. Defendants have also failed to comply with paragraph 7 of the applicable California IWC Wage Orders by failing to maintain time records showing when the employee begins and ends each work period, meal periods, wages earned pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7, and total daily hours worked by itemizing in wage statements all deductions from payment of wages and accurately reporting total hours worked by the Aggrieved Employees, and they are entitled to recover penalties pursuant to paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff asserts PAGA claims for failure to provide the Aggrieved Employees with accurate, itemized wage statements and failure to maintain employment records for Aggrieved Employees under Labor Code §§ 226, 1174, 1198, and 1198.5, and Sections 7(A), 7(B), and 7(C) of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and statutory penalties and wages available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 558, 1174.5, 1199, and 2699(f)(2), 2699.5, and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

Waiting Time Penalties Pursuant to Labor Code § 203

Some Aggrieved Employees no longer work for Defendants; they either resigned or were terminated from Defendants' employ. Based on the forgoing, Defendants have had a consistent policy of failing to pay all wages earned by and owed to Aggrieved Employees at the time of their termination of within seventy-two hours of their resignation, as required by California under Labor Code § 203. In light of the forgoing, Aggrieved Employees seek to recover wages and penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 558 and further specifically seek penalties and wages under Labor Code § 203, which provides that an employee's wages shall continue until paid for up to thirty (30) days from the date they were due.

Under the PAGA, and following exhaustion of the notice period, Plaintiff asserts PAGA claims for failure to timely pay all wages owed, including at least semi-monthly and upon separation or termination, under Labor Code §§ 201, 201, 203, 204, 1197.5, 2926, and 2927 seeking all civil penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 210, 558, 1197, 1198, 1199, 2699(f)(2), 2699.5, and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

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Unfair Competition Under Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq.

Consequently, Defendants' conduct has been and continues to be unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Aggrieved Employees and the general public in violation of Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

Plaintiff's PAGA Claim under Labor Code § 2698 et seg. and Recovery Bases:

After complying with the notice procedures of Labor Code § 2699.3 and the running of the notice period after the filing of the Class Action Complaint, Plaintiff will file an amended Complaint asserting, as a representative action on behalf of the California Attorney General and the other similarly Aggrieved Employees, a PAGA claim for violations of the above addressed underlying claims and seeking penalties as specified by the applicable corresponding provisions.

The Aggrieved Employees seek penalties under Labor Code §§ 2698 and 2699 for Defendants' violation of Labor Code provisions included under Labor Code § 2699.5, including the penalty provisions, without limitation, based, *inter alia*, on the following California Labor Code sections: §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1185, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 1199, 2698, 2699, *et seq.*, and 2802, including as follows:

- (a) <u>Wage Claims</u>: For failure to provide the Aggrieved Employees all earned regular pay and minimum wages for regular hours worked and for failure to pay overtime premium wages for overtime hours worked, failure to pay proper reporting time and sick pay under Labor Code §§ 510, 1194(a), 1197, and 1198, and paragraphs 2(K), 3(A), 4(A), 4(B) and 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and statutory penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 227.3, 246, 510, 515, 558, 1194.2, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2699(f)(2), and 2699.5, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1);
- (b) Meal and Rest Period Claims: For failure to provide the Aggrieved Employees off-duty, timely, and unpaid meal periods and failure to authorize and permit them to take off-duty, timely, and paid rest periods, or pay one hour of regular pay in lieu thereof, under Labor Code §§ 512, 1198, and 226.7, and Sections 11, 12(A), and 12(B) of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and statutory penalties available and applicable, including under paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and wages under Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558, including sections 558(a)(1)-(3), 1199 and 2699(f)(2), and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1);
- (c) Inaccurate Wage Statements and Failure to Maintain Records: For failure to provide the Aggrieved Employees with wage statements or with accurate, itemized wage statements and failure to maintain employment records for Aggrieved Employees under Labor Code §§ 226, 1174, and 1198.5, and Sections 7(A), 7(B), and 7(C) of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and statutory penalties and wages available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3, 558, 1174.5, 1199, and 2699(f)(2), and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1). More specifically, by providing inaccurate wage statements and failing to maintain records as required under Labor Code

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§ 226(a), Defendants committed ongoing violations giving rise to civil penalties under Labor Code §226.3, which in addition to other penalties provided by law, subjects Defendants to "a penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per employee per violation in an initial citation and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per employee for each violation in a subsequent citation, ...";

- Failure to Timely Pay Wages: For failure to timely pay all wages owed, including at least semi-monthly and upon separation or termination, under Labor Code §§ 201, 201, 203, 204, 1197.5, 2926, and 2927 seeking all civil penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 210, 558, 1197, 1198, 1199 and 2699(f)(2), and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and also for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1);
- All Alleged Violations of the IWC Wage Orders: For any above addressed (f) violation of the applicable provisions of the IWC Wage Orders constituting violations of Labor Code § 1198 and Labor Code § 2699.5 and seeking penalties available and applicable under Labor Code § 2699(f)(2) and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

We have been constrained to initially move forward with the filing of this Complaint, alleging the causes of action discussed herein, without the PAGA claim. Thus, any action by the LWDA would not resolve the entirety of the case, and the interest of judicial economy will be served by allowing the case to proceed as a cohesive whole.

This letter and the attached Complaint therefore provide the requisite notice under the Act to the LWDA and Defendants by setting forth the specific provisions of the Labor Code and related provisions Plaintiff alleges have been violated, including the facts and relevant theories alleged against Defendants and joint employers. To prevent the violations described in the Complaint and herein from occurring, and to remedy past violations, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the LWDA conduct an investigation into Defendants' employment practices in accordance with the Act.

Wherefore we request that you advise us, by certified mail within sixty days of the postmark on this letter, whether you intend to proceed with these claims or whether the Aggrieved Employees should include them in an amended Labor Code § 2698 et seq. claim under the Act in an amended Complaint.

Regards,

D.LAW, INC

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Cc: Rose Hills Company, by Certified Mail Dignity Memorial, by Certified Mail

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27 28 Plaintiff MANUEL GONZALES ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public, complains and alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff brings this class action against Defendants ROSE HILLS COMPANY, a Delaware corporation; DIGNITY MEMORIAL, a business entity of unknown form; SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL, a business entity of unknown form; SCI SHARED SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, (collectively referred to as "Defendants") for alleged violations of the California Labor Code and California Business and Professions Code. As set forth below, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants have:
 - a. failed to pay them overtime wages at the correct rate;
 - b. failed to pay them double time wages at the correct rate;
 - c. failed to pay them overtime and/or double time wages by failing to include all applicable remuneration in calculating the regular rate of pay;
 - d. failed to provide them with meal periods;
 - e. failed to provide them with rest periods;
 - f. failed to pay them premium wages for missed meal and rest periods;
 - g. failed to pay them proper sick time pay;
 - h. failed to provide them with accurate written wage statements;
 - i. failed to pay them all their final wages following separation of employment.

Based on these alleged Labor Code violations, Plaintiff now brings this class action to recover unpaid wages, liquidated damages, penalties, restitution, and related relief on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to hear this case because the monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff from Defendants' conduct exceeds the minimal jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the State of California.
- 3. Venue is proper in the County of Sacramento pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 395(a) and 395.5 in that liability arose this county because at least some of the transactions

Venue is proper in Los Angeles County because Defendants' have at all times alleged

Plaintiff MANUEL GONZALES is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, an

Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant ROSE HILLS

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Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant DIGNITY MEMORIAL is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a business entity of unknown form doing

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proper in any county in California.

individual residing in the State of California.

- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a business entity of unknown form doing business in the State of California.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant SCI SHARED SERVICES, INC. is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a Delaware corporation doing business in the State of California.
- 10. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the DOE defendants when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants are responsible in some manner for the occurrences, acts and omissions alleged herein and that Plaintiff's alleged damages were proximately caused by these defendants, and each of them. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege both the true names and capacities of the DOE defendants when ascertained.

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- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that, at all relevant times mentioned herein, some or all of the defendants were the representatives, agents, employees, partners, directors, associates, joint venturers, joint employers, owners, principals or co-participants of some or all of the other defendants, and in doing the things alleged herein, were acting within the course and scope of such relationship and with the full knowledge, consent, and ratification by such other defendants.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that, at all relevant times mentioned herein, some of the defendants pursued a common course of conduct, acted in concert and conspired with one another, and aided and abetted one another to accomplish the occurrences, acts and omissions alleged herein.
- 13. This action has been brought and may be maintained as a class action pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 382 because there is a well-defined community of interest among the persons who comprise the readily ascertainable classes defined below and because Plaintiff is unaware of any difficulties likely to be encountered in managing this case as a class action.
- 14. Relevant Time Period: The relevant time period is defined as the time period beginning four years prior to the filing of this action until judgment is entered.
 - a. <u>Hourly Employee Class</u>: All persons employed by Defendants, collectively or separately, and/or any staffing agencies and/or any other third parties in hourly or non-exempt positions in California four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action ("Hourly Employee Class").
 - b. <u>Meal Period Sub-Class</u>: All Hourly Employee Class members who worked in a shift in excess of five hours during the four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action.
 - c. <u>Rest Period Sub-Class</u>: All Hourly Employee Class members who worked a shift of at least three and one-half (3.5) hours the four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action.
 - d. Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class: All Hourly Employee Class members who separated from their employment with Defendants during the period beginning three years before the filing of this action and ending when final judgment is entered.
 - e. <u>Sick-Pay Class</u>: All persons employed by Defendants in California who, at any time from four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action, worked for more than 30 days for Defendants, and were not paid for at least one hour of sick time for every 30 hours

- of work thereafter, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12-month period of employment.
- f. Wage Statement Class: All persons employed by Defendants in California during the period beginning one year before the filing of this action and ending when final judgment is entered.
- g. <u>UCL Class</u>: All Hourly Employee Class and Expense Reimbursement Class members employed by Defendants in California during the four years prior to the filing of this action and ending on the date that final judgment is entered in this action.
- 15. **Reservation of Rights**: Pursuant to Rule of Court 3.765(b), Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or modify the class definitions with greater specificity, by further division into sub-classes and/or by limitation to particular issues.
- 16. <u>Numerosity</u>: The class members are so numerous that the individual joinder of each individual class member is impractical. While Plaintiff does not currently know the exact number of class members, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that the actual number exceeds the minimum required for numerosity under California law.
- 17. <u>Commonality and Predominance</u>: Common questions of law and fact exist as to all class members and predominate over any questions which affect only individual class members. These common questions include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Whether Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to provide employees with their rest periods;
 - b. Whether Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to provide employees with their meal periods;
 - c. Whether Defendants failed to pay premium wages to class members when they have not been provided with meal and rest periods at the appropriate rates of pay;
 - d. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum and/or overtime wages to class members for all time worked;
 - e. Whether Defendants failed to pay proper sick time pay;
 - f. Whether Defendants failed to provide class members with accurate written wage statements as a result of providing them with written wage statements with inaccurate entries for, among other things, amounts of gross and net wages, and

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- Whether Defendants applied policies or practices that result in late and/or incomplete final wage payments;
- h. Whether Defendants are liable to class members for waiting time penalties under Labor Code section 203; and
- i. Whether class members are entitled to restitution of money or property that Defendants may have acquired from them through unfair competition:
- 18. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of the other class members' claims. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendants have a policy or practice of failing to comply with the California Labor Code and Business and Professions Code as alleged in this Complaint.
- 19. Adequacy of Class Representative: Plaintiff is an adequate class representative and has no interests that are adverse to, or otherwise conflict with, the interests of absent class members and is dedicated to vigorously prosecuting this action on their behalf. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the other class members.
- 20. Adequacy of Class Counsel: Plaintiff's counsel are adequate class counsel in that they have no known conflicts of interest with Plaintiff or absent class members, are experienced in wage and hour class action litigation, and are dedicated to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of Plaintiff and absent class members.
- 21. Superiority: A class action is vastly superior to other available means for fair and efficient adjudication of the class members' claims and would be beneficial to the parties and the Court. Class action treatment will allow a number of similarly situated persons to simultaneously and efficiently prosecute their common claims in a single forum without the unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would entail. In addition, the monetary amounts due to many individual class members are likely to be relatively small and would thus make it difficult, if not impossible, for individual class members to both seek and obtain relief. Moreover, a class action will serve an important public interest by permitting class members to effectively pursue the recovery of monies owed to them. Further, a class action will prevent the potential for inconsistent

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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 22. Plaintiff worked for Defendants as a non-exempt employee during the relevant and statutory periods.
- 23. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Class Members proper wages and overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay. First, Defendants implemented an unlawful time-rounding policy and practice which rounded down and reduced the actual working hours recorded by Plaintiff and Class Members, and upon which their pay was based, and generally did so to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Class Members, and these unlawfully rounded time entries were inputted into Defendants' payroll system from which wage statements and payroll checks were created. Defendants did so with the ostensible intent of paying Plaintiff and Class members only for the hours they were scheduled to work, rather than the hours they were actually under Defendants' control. Plaintiff contends this policy is not neutral and results, over time, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Class members by systematically undercompensating them.
- 24. Next, Plaintiff and Class Members were also consistently required to perform work, off-the-clock, for which they were not paid wages. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members would clock in a before their scheduled shift and would not get compensated from the actual time they clocked in. Additionally, Plaintiff and Class Members would be required to put on protective gear, such as steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety gloves prior to clocking in. Finally, Plaintiff and Class Members were required to perform work during unpaid meal periods which they were systemically denied, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks. The forgoing and uncompensated working time was under the direction and control of Defendants, for which no wages were paid.
- 25. This uncompensated time caused Plaintiff and Class Members to work in excess of eight (8), ten (10) and/or twelve (12) hours a day and/or forty (40) hours a week, entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to minimum and overtime wages, which they were systemically denied.
 - 26. Defendants also failed to Plaintiff and Class Members overtime wages at the proper

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and applicable regular rates of pay. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members earned performancebased non-discretionary bonuses in addition to their hourly pay. However, these supplemental earnings were not accounted for when determining Plaintiff and Class Members' regular rates of pay, and respective and proper overtime rates of pay.

- 27. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Class Members the opportunity to take meal periods in compliance with the California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members were required to keep and monitor their work radios during their meal and rest breaks. Additionally, Plaintiff and Class Members were constantly interrupted during their meal breaks via radio calls. Next, due to understaffing and heavy workloads, Plaintiff and Class Members were denied the opportunity to take timely meal periods prior to the completion of their fifth hour of work. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Class Members were not relieved of all work duties during unpaid meal periods and were interrupted during meal breaks or required to keep working during meal breaks.
- 28. Plaintiff and Class Members were not provided with meal periods of at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each meal period as part of each work shift; (2) no formal written meal policy that encouraged employees to take their meal periods, or that advised Class Members of their meal and rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their meal and rest periods due to the excessive workload.
- 29. Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically denying Plaintiff and Class Members the opportunity to take rest periods in compliance with the California Law. Plaintiff and Class Members were not provided with rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each rest period as part of each work shift, including second rest breaks for shifts of six (6) hours or more; (2) no formal compliant written rest period policy that encouraged employees to take their rest periods, or that properly advised Plaintiff and Class Members of their rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' policy and practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their rest breaks due to the excessive workload, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during

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- 30. Plaintiff and Class Members were consistently interrupted during their rest breaks via their radios constantly. Additionally, on shifts that Plaintiff and Class Members worked between ten to twelve hours, Plaintiff and Class Members were not given their required third rest break.
- 31. Furthermore, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and Class Members premium pay wages at their appropriate regular rates of pay for each meal and rest period denied.
- 32. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(1) as "gross wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 33. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(2) as "total hours worked by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 34. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(5) as "net wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 35. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(9) as "all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 36. Finally, Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff and Class Members the requisite sick time pay in accordance with California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Class Members worked for Defendants for more than 30 days, but were not paid at least one hour of sick pay for every 30 hours of work, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12-month period of work. Additionally, the sick pay paid to Plaintiff and Class Members did not account for the shift differential pay as well as performance-based non-discretionary bonuses, which were never factored into the rate upon which sick pay was accrued and paid.

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FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512, 1174, and 1198)

(Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class)

- 37. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 38. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and the Meal Period Sub-Class members have been non-exempt employees of Defendant entitled to the full meal period protections of both the Labor Code and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order.
- 39. Labor Code section 512 and Section 11 of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order impose an affirmative obligation on employers to provide non-exempt employees with uninterrupted, duty-free meal periods of at least thirty minutes for each work period of five hours, and to provide them with two uninterrupted, duty-free meal periods of at least thirty minutes for each work period of ten hours.
- 40. Labor Code section 226.7 and Section 11 of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order ("Wage Order") both prohibit employers from requiring employees to work during required meal periods and require employers to pay non-exempt employees an hour of premium wages on each workday that the employee is not provided with the required meal period.
- 41. Compensation for missed meal periods constitutes wages within the meaning of Labor Code section 200.
- 42. Labor Code section 1198 makes it unlawful to employ a person under conditions that violate the applicable Wage Order.
 - Section 11 of the applicable Wage Order states: 43.

No employer shall employ any person for a work period of more than five (5) hours without a meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that when a work period of not more than six (6) hours will complete the day's work the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and employee. Unless the employee is relieved of all duty during a 30 minute meal period, the meal period shall be considered an 'on duty' meal period and counted as time worked. An 'on duty' meal period shall be permitted only when the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty and when by written

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- agreement between the parties an on-the-job paid meal period is agreed to. The written agreement shall state that the employee may, in writing, revoke the agreement at any time.
- At all relevant times, Plaintiff was not subject to a valid on-duty meal period 44. agreement. Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times, Meal Period Sub-Class members were not subject to valid on-duty meal period agreements with Defendants.
- 45. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of not providing Plaintiff and members of the Meal Period Sub-Class with uninterrupted, duty-free meal periods for at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period, as required by Labor Code section 512 and the applicable Wage Order. Specifically, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were required to keep and monitor their work radios during their meal and rest breaks. Additionally, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were constantly interrupted during their meal breaks via radio calls. Next, due to understaffing and heavy workloads, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were denied the opportunity to take timely meal periods prior to the completion of their fifth hour of work. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were not relieved of all work duties during unpaid meal periods and were interrupted during meal breaks or required to keep working during meal breaks.
- 46. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to pay premium wages to Meal Period Sub-Class members when they worked five (5) hours without clocking out for any meal period. Plaintiff and Meal Period Sub-Class Members were not provided with meal periods of at least thirty (30) minutes for each five (5) hour work period due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each meal period as part of each work shift; (2) no formal written meal policy that encouraged employees to take their meal periods, or that advised Meal Period Sub-Class Members of their meal and rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their meal and rest periods due to the excessive workload.
- 47. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of not providing Plaintiff and members of the Meal Period

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Pursuant to Labor Code section 1194, Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine, and/or the common fund doctrine. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Meal Period Sub-Class members, seeks to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST PERIODS

(Lab. Code §§ 204, 223, 226.7 and 1198)

(Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class)

- 52. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 53. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and the Rest Period Sub-Class members have been non-exempt employees of Defendants entitled to the full rest period protections of both the Labor Code and the applicable Wage Order.
- 54. Section 12 of the applicable Wage Order imposes an affirmative obligation on employers to permit and authorize employees to take required rest periods at a rate of no less than ten (10) minutes of net rest time for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, that must be in the middle of each work period insofar as practicable.
- 55. Labor Code section 226.7 and Section 12 of the applicable Wage Order both prohibit employers from requiring employees to work during required rest periods and require employers to

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- pay non-exempt employees an hour of premium wages at the employees' regular rates of pay, on each workday that the employee is not provided with the required rest period(s).
- 56. Compensation for missed rest periods constitutes wages within the meaning of Labor Code section 200.
- Labor Code section 1198 makes it unlawful to employ a person under conditions that 57. violate the Wage Order.
- 58. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants maintained a policy or practice of not providing members of the Rest Period Sub-Class with net rest period of at least ten (10) uninterrupted minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, as required by the applicable Wage Order.
- 59. Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class members were not provided with rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof, due to (1) Defendants' policy of not scheduling each rest period as part of each work shift, including second rest breaks for shifts of six (6) hours or more; (2) no formal compliant written rest period policy that encouraged employees to take their rest periods, or that properly advised Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members of their rest period rights; and (3) Defendants' policy and practice of requiring putative class members to continue working through their rest breaks due to the excessive workload, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks.
- 60. Additionally, Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members were consistently interrupted during their rest breaks via their radios constantly. Additionally, on shifts that Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members worked between ten to twelve hours, Plaintiff and Rest Period Sub-Class Members were not given their required third rest break.
- 61. At all relevant times, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Rest Period Sub-Class members additional premium wages when required rest periods were not provided.
- 62. Pursuant to Labor Code section 204, 218.6 and 226.7, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Rest Period Sub-Class members, seeks to recover unpaid premium wages, interest thereon, and costs of suit.
 - 63. Pursuant to Labor Code section 1194, Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

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FAILURE TO PAY HOURLY AND OVERTIME WAGES

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(Lab. Code §§ 223, 510, 1194, 1197 and 1198)

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(Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class)

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64. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.

65. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members are or have been non-exempt employees of Defendants entitled to the full protections of the Labor Code and the

11 12 applicable Wage Order. 66. Section 2 of the applicable Wage Order defines "hours worked" as "the time during

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68. Labor Code section 1194 invalidates any agreement between an employer and an employee to work for less than the minimum or overtime wage required under the applicable Wage

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70. Labor Code section 1197 makes it unlawful for an employer to pay an employee less than the minimum wage required under the applicable Wage Order for all hours worked during a

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71. Labor Code section 1197.1 provides that it is unlawful for any employer or any other person acting either individually or as an officer, agent or employee of another person, to pay an

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employee, or cause an employee to be paid, less than the applicable minimum wage.

- 72. Labor Code section 1198 makes it unlawful for employers to employ employees under conditions that violate the applicable Wage Order.
- Labor Code section 204 requires employers to pay non-exempt employees their earned 73. wages for the normal work period at least twice during each calendar month on days the employer designates in advance and to pay non-exempt employees their earned wages for labor performed in excess of the normal work period by no later than the next regular payday.
- 74. Labor Code section 223 makes it unlawful for employers to pay their employees lower wages than required by contract or statute while purporting to pay them legal wages.
- 75. Labor Code section 510 and Section 3 of the applicable Wage Order require employees to pay non-exempt employees overtime wages of no less than one and one-half (1.5) times their respective regular rates of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in one workday, all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one workweek, and/or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh consecutive day of one workweek.
- 76. Labor Code section 510 and Section 3 of the applicable Wage Order also require employers to pay non-exempt employees overtime wages of no less than two (2) times their respective regular rates of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in one workday and for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours on a seventh consecutive workday during the workweek.
- 77. Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times, Defendants have applied centrally devised policies and practices to him and Hourly Employee Class members with respect to working conditions and compensation arrangements.
- 78. At all relevant times, Defendants failed to pay hourly wages to Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members for all time worked, including but not limited to, overtime hours at statutory and/or agreed rates.
- 79. Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members were not paid proper wages and overtime for all hours worked, at the proper rates of pay. First, Defendants implemented an unlawful time-rounding policy and practice which rounded down and reduced the actual working hours recorded by Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class, and upon which their pay was based, and

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- generally did so to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members, and these unlawfully rounded time entries were inputted into Defendants' payroll system from which wage statements and payroll checks were created. Defendants did so with the ostensible intent of paying Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members only for the hours they were scheduled to work, rather than the hours they were actually under Defendants' control. Plaintiff contends this policy is not neutral and results, over time, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members by systematically undercompensating them.
- 80. Next, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members were also consistently required to perform work, off-the-clock, for which they were not paid wages. Specifically, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members would clock in a before their scheduled shift and would not get compensated from the actual time they clocked in. Additionally, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members would be required to put on protective gear, such as steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety gloves prior to clocking in. Finally, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members were required to perform work during unpaid meal periods which they were systemically denied, including having to keep and monitor their company radios during meal periods and rest breaks. The forgoing and uncompensated working time was under the direction and control of Defendants, for which no wages were paid.
- 81. This uncompensated time caused Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members to work in excess of eight (8), ten (10) and/or twelve (12) hours a day and/or forty (40) hours a week, entitling Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members to minimum and overtime wages, which they were systemically denied.
- 82. Defendants also failed to Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members overtime wages at the proper and applicable regular rates of pay. Specifically, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members earned performance-based non-discretionary bonuses in addition to their hourly pay. However, these supplemental earnings were not accounted for when determining Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class Members' regular rates of pay, and respective and proper overtime rates of pay.
- As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and Hourly Employee Class members have suffered damages in an amount, subject to proof, to the extent they were not paid the

full amount of wages earned during each pay period during the applicable limitations period, including overtime wages.

- Pursuant to Labor Code sections 204, 218.6, 223, 510, 1194 and 1194.2, Plaintiff, on 84. behalf of himself and Hourly Employee Class members, seeks to recover unpaid straight time and overtime wages, interest thereon and costs of suit.
- 85. Pursuant to Labor Code section 1194, Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine, and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Hourly Employee Class members, seeks to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PAY PROPER SICK PAY

(Lab. Code § 246)

(Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class)

- 86. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs, as though set forth in full herein.
- 87. Labor Code Section 246 affords an employee "who works in California for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment [] paid sick days . . . of not less than one hour per every 30 hours worked" and "no less than 24 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period."
 - 88. Additionally, Subsection (1) of Section 246 provides:

For the purposes of this section, an employer shall calculate paid sick leave using any of the following calculations:

- (1) Paid sick time for nonexempt employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the workweek in which the employee uses paid sick time, whether or not the employee actually works overtime in that workweek.
- Defendants had a common policy and practice of systemically failing to pay Plaintiff 89. and Sick Pay Class Members the requisite sick time pay in accordance with California Law. Specifically, Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class Members worked for Defendants for more than 30 days,

but were not paid at least one hour of sick pay for every 30 hours of work, or at least 3 days of sick time for every 12 month period of work. Additionally, the sick pay paid to Plaintiff and Sick Pay Class Members did not account for the shift differential pay as well as performance-based non-discretionary bonuses, which were never factored into the rate upon which sick pay was accrued and paid.

90. Therefore, **Sick Pay Class** Members are owed the unpaid balance of said wages pursuant to the Wage order according to proof at trial, interest pursuant to Labor Code §§ 218.6 and 1194(a), Civil Code §§ 3287 and § 3289, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and/or penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 558(a).

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE WRITTEN WAGE STATEMENTS

(Lab. Code § 226)

(Plaintiff and Wage Statement Penalties Sub-Class)

- 91. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
 - 92. Labor Code section 226(a) states:

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An employer, semimonthly or at the time of each payment of wages, shall furnish to his or her employee, either as a detachable part of the check, draft, or voucher paying the employee's wages, or separately if wages are paid by personal check or cash, an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, except as provided in subdivision (j), (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and only the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer and, if the employer is a farm labor contractor, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1682, the name and address of the legal entity that secured the services of the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee and, beginning July 1, 2013, if the employer is a temporary services employer as defined in Section 201.3, the rate of pay and the total hours worked for each temporary services assignment. The deductions made from payment of wages shall be recorded in ink or

 other indelible form, properly dated, showing the month, day, and year, and a copy of the statement and the record of the deductions shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a central location within the State of California. For purposes of this subdivision, 'copy' includes a duplicate of the itemized statement provided to an employee or a computer-generated record that accurately shows all of the information required by this subdivision.

- 93. The Division of Labor Standards Enforcement ("DLSE") has sought to harmonize the "detachable part of the check" provision and the "accurate itemized statement in writing" provision of Labor Code section 226(a) by allowing for electronic wage statements so long as each employee retains the right to elect to receive a written paper stub or record and that those who are provided with electronic wage statements retain the ability to easily access the information and convert the electronic statements into hard copies at no expense to the employee. (DLSE Opinion Letter July 6, 2006).
- 94. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants' failure to provide Plaintiff and Wage Statement Class members with accurate written wage statements was intentional in that Defendants have the ability to provide them with accurate wage statements but have intentionally provided them with written wage statements that Defendants have known do not comply with Labor Code section 226(a).
- 95. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(1) as "gross wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 96. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(2) as "total hours worked by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 97. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(5) as "net wages earned" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 98. Defendants failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a)(9) as "all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee" were not accurately reflected in that: all hours worked, including overtime, were not included.
- 99. Plaintiff and Wage Statement Class members have suffered injuries, in that Defendants have violated their legal rights to receive accurate wage statements and have misled them

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about their actual rates of pay and wages earned. In addition, inaccurate information on their wage statements has prevented immediate challenges to Defendants' unlawful pay practices, has required discovery and mathematical computations to determine the amount of wages owed, has caused difficulty and expense in attempting to reconstruct time and pay records, and/or has led to the submission of inaccurate information about wages and deductions to federal and state government agencies.

100. Pursuant to Labor Code section 226(e), Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Wage Statement Class members, seeks the greater of actual damages or \$50.00 for the initial pay period in which a violation of Labor Code section 226(a) occurred, and \$100.00 for each subsequent pay period in which a violation of Labor Code section 226(a) occurred, not to exceed an aggregate penalty of \$4000.00 per class member, as well as awards of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY ALL FINAL WAGES

(Lab. Code §§ 201-203)

(Plaintiff and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class)

- 101. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- At all relevant times, Plaintiff and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members have been entitled, upon the end of their employment with Defendants, to timely payment of all wages earned and unpaid before termination or resignation.
- 103. At all relevant times, pursuant to Labor Code section 201, employees who have been discharged have been entitled to payment of all final wages immediately upon termination.
- 104. At all relevant times, pursuant to Labor Code section 202, employees who have resigned after giving at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice of resignation have been entitled to payment of all final wages at the time of resignation.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants have failed to timely pay Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members all their final wages in accordance with the Labor Code.

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- 106. Plaintiff is informed and believes that, at all relevant times during the applicable limitations period, Defendants have maintained a policy or practice of paying Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members their final wages without regard to the requirements of Labor Code sections 201 or 202 by failing to timely pay them all final wages.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendants' failure to timely pay all final wages to him and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members has been willful in that Defendants have the ability to pay final wages in accordance with Labor Code sections 201 and/or 202 but have intentionally adopted policies or practices that are incompatible with those requirements.
- 108. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 203 and 218.6, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members, seeks waiting time penalties from the dates that their final wages have first become due until paid, up to a maximum of thirty days, and interest thereon.
- 109. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and Waiting Time Penalties Sub-Class members, seeks awards of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNFAIR COMPETITION

(Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.)

(Plaintiff and UCL Class)

- 110. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 111. Business and Professions Code section 17200 defines "unfair competition" to include any unlawful business practice.
- 112. Business and Professions Code sections 17203-17204 allow a person who has lost money or property as a result of unfair competition to bring a class action in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 382 to recover money or property that may have been acquired from similarly situated persons by means of unfair competition.
 - 113. California law requires employers to pay hourly, non-exempt employees for all hours

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27 28 they are permitted or suffered to work, including hours that the employer knows or reasonable should know that employees have worked.

- Plaintiff and the UCL Class members re-allege and incorporate the FIRST, SECOND, 114. THIRD, AND FOURTH causes of action herein.
 - 115. Plaintiff lost money or property as a result of the aforementioned unfair competition.
 - 116. Defendants have or may have acquired money by means of unfair competition.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that by committing the Labor 117. Code violations described in this Complaint, Defendants violated Labor Code sections 215, 216, 225, 226.6, 226.7, 246, 354, 408, 512, 510, 553, 1175, 1174, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 1199, as well as applicable Wage Orders, which make it a misdemeanor to commit the violations alleged herein.
- 118. Defendants have committed criminal conduct through their policies and practices of, inter alia, failing to comport with their affirmative obligations as an employer to: provide non-exempt employees with compliant meal and rest periods; pay for all hours worked at the proper rates of pay; and proper sick time pay.
- Defendants' unlawful conduct as alleged in this Complaint amounts to and constitutes unfair competition within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq. Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq. protects against unfair competition and allows a person who has suffered an injury-in-fact and has lost money or property as a result of an unfair, unlawful or fraudulent business practice to seek restitution on his own behalf and on behalf of similarly situated persons in a class action proceeding.
- 120. As a result of Defendants' violations of the Labor Code during the applicable limitations period, Plaintiff has suffered an injury-in-fact and has lost money or property in the form of earned wages. Specifically, Plaintiff has lost money or property as a result of Defendants' conduct.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that other similarly situated persons have been subject to the same unlawful policies or practices of Defendants.
- Due to the unfair and unlawful business practices in violation of the Labor Code, Defendants have gained a competitive advantage over other comparable companies doing business in

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relief for "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice," including if a practice or act violates or is considered unlawful under any other state or federal law.

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Accordingly, pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17200 and 17203, Plaintiff requests the issuance of temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining Defendants, and each of them, and their agents and employees, from further violations of the Labor Code and applicable Wage Orders.

California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL") permits civil recovery and injunctive

- 125. Accordingly, pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code sections 17200 and 17203, Plaintiff requests the issuance of temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining Defendants, and each of them, and their agents and employees, from further violations of the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders; and upon a final hearing seeks an order permanently enjoining Defendants, and each of them, and their respective agents and employees, from further violations of the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders.
- 126. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and UCL Class members, seeks declaratory relief and restitution of all monies rightfully belonging to them that Defendants did not pay them or otherwise retained by means of its unlawful and unfair business practices.
- 127. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff and UCL Class members are entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with their unfair competition claims.
- 128. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and UCL Class members, seeks declaratory relief and restitution of all monies rightfully belonging to them that Defendants did not pay them or otherwise retained by means of its unlawful and unfair business practices.
- Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the substantial benefit doctrine and/or the common fund doctrine, Plaintiff and UCL Class members are entitled to recover

reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with their unfair competition claims. 2 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 3 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants as follows: 5 a. An order that the action be certified as a class action; 6 An order that Plaintiff be appointed class representative; 7 An order that counsel for Plaintiff be appointed class counsel; 8 Unpaid wages and overtime; 9 Actual damages; 10 Liquidated damages; f. Restitution; 11 g. 12 Declaratory relief; Pre-judgment interest; 13 i. 14 Statutory penalties; 15 Costs of suit; Reasonable attorneys' fees; and 16 17 m. Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper. 18 19 Dated: May 3, 2024 D.LAW, INC. 20 21 22 Emil Daytyan David Yeremian 23 David Keledjian Hrag Alexanian 24 Attorneys for Plaintiff MANUEL GONZALES, and the putative class 25 26 27

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, on behalf of himself, all other similarly situated, and the general public, hereby demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Dated: May 3, 2024

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